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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

S. 1, Special Branch, ~~xxxxx~~ Station,

REPORT

Date May 1, 19 37.

Subject The real nature of the feeling of unrest in the Sing Yue Nos. 1 and 2 Cotton Mills culminating in a fight on April 28.

Made by/ and Forwarded by D.S.I. Laurier.

Further enquiries in connection with the recent transient strike of workers of the Sing Yue Nos. 1 and 2 Mills at 37 West Soochow and 8 Robison Roads respectively have elicited that the clash between the two parties involved in a fight outside the No.1 Mill on the evening of April 28 was not between rival factions of workers as stated in Special Branch Intelligence Report of April 30, but between a number of workers of the No.1 Mill on the one hand and a number of unemployed men of the loafer class led by two Rent Collectors in the employ of the mill, on the other hand. There is no doubt whatsoever that the two Rent Collectors in question have made themselves most unpopular with the main body of the workers by reason of their strong pro-management sympathies. So far as can be ascertained, although the workers contemplate formation of a union (vide Special Branch report of April 30), there is no indication that the present general feeling of resentment against the management is tempered by any factional unrest amongst the workers themselves.

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER O. I. [illegible] SHANGHAI

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Pootoo Road Station,

Date May 1, 1937.

REPORT

Subject: Labour Situation at the Sing Yue No.1 Cotton Mill, No.37 West Soochow Road, and Sing Yue No.2 Mill, No.3 Robison Road.

Made by: D.S.I. Smith. Forwarded by:

D.C.B. Information 2/5.

Sir,

With reference to the Minutes of the Acting Commissioner of Police and D.C. (Divisions) on the attached report, I beg to submit the additional information regarding the incident that occurred in the Sing Yue No.1 Cotton Mill, No.37 West Soochow Road, on the evening of the 28.4.37.

The injured men namely, Fang Fen Piau (方盆標) and Zung Siau Keu Ts (陳小九子) were interrogated by the Officer i/c. District, D.S.I. Smith and D.S.I. Shih Seu Chien of the Special Branch, from 8 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. on the night of the 28.4.37., and both the injured men steadfastly maintained that they could not impart any information regarding the origin of the incident, or the identity of their assailants.

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At about 8 p.m. 28.4.37., when Inspector Dudley was visiting No.2 Mill, he was approached by Mr. D.T. Chao, Assistant Manager, to release the two injured men and the arrested female, as he (Mr. Chao) was of the opinion that further incidents would arise through their detention. In reply to this request, Inspector Dudley informed Mr. Chao that the matter was being investigated and that he could not at that time give any definite promise. Later, D.S.I. Shih Seu Chien, Special Branch, communicated with the undersigned per telephone and inquired if I had any objection to Mr. Zung Jang Hsih, Manager, and Mr. Chao, Assistant Manager, visiting the station and assisting in investigations. The undersigned informed D.S.I. Shih that the assistance of the two aforementioned persons would be very welcomed and no objections would be raised to their assisting in the police investigations. At about 10:30 p.m. the same evening, Messrs. Zung and Chao visited the station and interrogated the two injured persons, but they

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Police Road Station,

REPORT

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encountered the difficulties and investigating officers, both the Inspectors were pleased to be able to impart any information that would most fully assist investigations. The undersigned then re-contacted Mr. Zung and requested him to make discreet enquiries of mill operatives and endeavour to locate a police witness who would assist investigations.

Subsequently, a witness was brought to the Police Station by Mr. Zung and made a statement to the effect that he had observed Zung Kee Mien with a number of others, approximately 20 persons in all, and all of whom were stated to be armed with many types of weapons, standing outside the main entrance to the mill on West Szechow Road, at about 5.40 p.m. This statement was contrary to that of two police witnesses, who were on duty outside the mill and both of whom at no time observed any male persons loitering outside of, or in the immediate vicinity of the mill. Accordingly to the two police witnesses the first intimation they had of the fighting affray was to the effect that a male Chinese had been injured in the mill, as a result of a fighting affray, whereupon both police officers communicated with the station. Mr. Zung was informed of the un-reliable testimony of the witness, who was undoubtedly imparting information that would assist the cause of the operatives and tended to indicate that they were innocent victims of an improvoked attack, and that no evidence had been obtained to satisfy the police as to which party instigated the affray, and that under these circumstances no criminal proceedings would be instituted by the police. At this juncture Mr. Zung disclosed during the conversation that he had promised the operatives of No.2 Mill and certain delegates of the operatives of the No.1 Mill that he would insist on the police preferring a

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a charge against Faung Fah Piau. After making this statement, Mr. Zung was informed by Officer i/c. District and D.S.I. White that the police would in no way be intimidated by the attitude of the mill operatives into preferring charges, and that police investigations would be continued. Should evidence be revealed to disclose the instigators of the affray the police would institute criminal proceedings irrespective of the status of the person or persons concerned. From the general trend of events and the conversation of Mr. Zung, Inspector Dudley and D.S.I. White concluded that Mr. Zung had made a rash and illegitimate promise to the operatives without first having ascertained any information, other than the biased and unreliable testimony of certain operatives, and that in order to appease the operatives and get them to resume work, Faung Fah Piau was at any costs to be made the scapegoat of the incident. It is to be mentioned that Faung Fah Piau was the victim of an attack by certain mill operatives at the beginning of April of the current year, when he was struck on the head by a stone thrown by an unknown person while cycling on Robison Road in the immediate vicinity of No.2 Mill. A further attack was made on him while visiting No.1 Mill on the morning of the 28.4.37. At no time during the course of investigations was any information forthcoming to warrant a police prosecution. Therefore, both of the injured men were informed that if they desired to take criminal proceedings, same could be instituted through the medium of a private criminal prosecution. The same information was conveyed to Mr. Zung, who in reply thereto stated that he would instruct the company's legal representative to institute legal proceedings if the operatives insisted in the prosecution of Faung Fah Piau. The man Faung Fah Piau was

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dismissed from his position on the 29.4.37.

I ..., Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. [illegible]

D.S.I.

D.D.C.I.B. Division.

Copy of this report [illegible] to

Officers i/c Sub Stations.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
B. REGISTRY
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Section 1, Special Branch Station,

REPORT

Date April 29 19 37.

Subject Transient strike of the Sing Yue Nos. 1 and 2 mills.

Made by D.S.I. Laurier Forwarded by D/ Laurier

Faung Fah Piau, a rent collector in the employ of the Sing Yue Cotton Mills, who is greatly disliked by a large section of the workers of the Sing Yue No's 1 and 2 Cotton Mills, 37 West Soochow and 8, Robison Roads, respectively, proceeded, at about 9 a.m. April 28, to the No.1 Mill where he became involved in a dispute with several of the workers who accused him of spying on their activities on behalf of the management, and who ultimately attacked him and drove him out of the mill premises. As a reprisal for this attack Faung Fah Piau and another rent collector named Zau Soong Dau are alleged to have gathered together a large number of unemployed men of the loafer class who armed themselves with iron bars, sticks, etc., and posted themselves on West Soochow Road near the entrance to the No.1 Mill. When the day shift workers made their exit at 5 p.m. on April 28 on conclusion of the day shift, Faung Fah Piau and his followers launched an attack against the workers who had been responsible for his eviction from the mill in the morning. The Police of Pootoo Road Station and the Reserve Unit eventually succeeded in restoring order. One female was arrested for attempting to rally and organize the workers and taken to Pootoo Road Station. The No.2 Mill night shift workers, on hearing of the trouble at the No.1 Mill, commenced a "Tai Kong" strike as a protest against the ruffianly tactics adopted by Faung Fah Piau who is generally recognized as a man of the worst type and an ex-convict.

Mr. Loh Ying-chu, a member of the local Tangpu, mediated in the dispute and succeeded in persuading the night shift workers of the No.2 Mill to resume work at 8 p.m. April 28. Owing to their dispersal, it was found impossible to open negotiations with the night shift workers of the No.1 Mill. The day shift

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workers of this mill resumed work at 6 a.m. on April 29 but ceased work at 9 a.m. the same day as a protest against the action of that the Rent Collectors and their loafer followers, and demanded/the management prosecute the two Rent Collectors. Mr. Loh Ying Chu subsequently conducted negotiations between the management and representatives of the workers when the following conditions were accepted by both parties, which resulted in resumption of work by the strikers of the No.1 Mill at 11 a.m. April 29:-

1. That the management dismiss Fong Fah Piau and Zau Soong Dau;
2. That the management take legal action against the above two persons for assault;
3. That the management pay medical expenses in respect of the workers injured in the fight of 28 April;
4. That the management pay the injured workers full wages for the period of absence due to treatment of injuries received in the above clash.

The workers of No.2 Mill resumed work at 6 a.m. April 29 as usual, and continued to work throughout the day.

The female arrested by Pootoo Road Police was subsequently released. Two male workers, one of whom was Faung Fah Piau, were treated for injuries and subsequently interrogated at Pootoo Road Station but were later released for lack of evidence.

Regarding article 2 of the foregoing conditions, it is believed that the management, in complying with this demand, intend to proceed by private criminal prosecution summons.

A. Dechanier
D.S.I.

(Special Branch).

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT OF POLICE INVESTIGATIONS.

The following is the statement of J.P.C. 2742 Wong Shih Tsung (Pootoo Rd Stn.)

native of Shantung taken by me Mr. L.-

at 7 a.m. on the 30.4.37. and interpreted by Mr. Shen Chen-hsiung.

I was on first day duty on the 26.4.37.

Between 5.30 a.m. and 6 p.m. even date, I was on duty at the outside of Sing Mae No. 1 Cotton Mill. At about 6 p.m. I observed a crowd of people in possession of iron bars came out of the mill and proceeded in a westerly direction. As soon as I saw this, I immediately communicated with the Station through telephone in the office of the mill.

This is my true statement.

Signed J.P.C. 2742.

Wong Shih Tsung.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Pootoo Road Station,

REPORT

Date 30.4.37. 19

Subject Occurrence happened in Sing Yue No. 1 Cotton Mill, No. 37, West Soochow Road.

Made by S.I. Liao Kwei Hu Forwarded by [illegible]

Sir,

On the 30th instant at 0.45 p.m. whilst I was on patrol on West Soochow Road, I saw a crowd of over two hundred mill workers gathered outside the Sing Yue No. 1 Mills. I didn't see any fighting occurred nor did I see any looters. I was told that somebody was dying inside, so I went into the Mill and found an injured person in the office. Then I telephoned back to the Station immediately.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Liao Kwei Hu

Sub-Inspector.

D.C. "B" Division.

...GENERAL POLICE
S. I. REGISTRY.
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Anniversary of the Sufferings endured by the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, following the defeat of his armies in Canton (June 16) - Kuomintang observance

In observance of the anniversary of the Sufferings endured by the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen following the defeat of his armies in Canton by General Chen Chuin-ming in 1922, which falls on June 16, a meeting of representatives of local public bodies and educational institutions will be held in the local Kuomintang Headquarters, Feng Ling Jao, off Route Ghisi, at 10 a.m. June 16.

National flags will be at half mast on that day.

Labour

Sing Yue No.1 Cotton Mill (Chinese) - Situation

In connection with the recent strike of the night shift workers of the Sing Yue No.1 Cotton Mill, 37 West Soochow Road (Vide I.R. 7 & 8/6/37), the dispute over the dismissal of a number of workers who were suspected of being labour agitators was settled through mediation by the Bureau of Social Affairs and local Tangpu, on June 9, when the management agreed to dismiss eight of the suspects and issue a retiring gratuity to them.

Conditions have been normal since June 6 when the disgruntled workers returned to work pending negotiation.

Chinese Electric Power Company Employees' Lien Yih Club - Meeting

Some 200 members of the Chinese Electric Power Co. Employees' Lien Yih Club, Nantao, held a meeting in the office of the 1st District Water and Electricity Workers' Union, Kuo Hu Road, Nantao, between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. June 10, when a new executive committee of eleven members was elected for the ensuing year.

At 2 p.m. June 5, twenty workers of the Tseng Yar Silk Weaving Factory, Lane 991, 144-150 Ward Road, ceased operations as a protest against the refusal of the management to fill a vacancy arising out of the resignation of a weaver. On the management promising to consider the matter, the strikers resumed work this morning June 7

Sing Yue No.1 Cotton Mill (Chinese) - strike

In order to enforce a demand for the dismissal of a recently appointed forewoman and the reinstatement of a forewoman who was dismissed some time ago, the night shift workers, numbering approximately 400, of the Sing Yue No.1 Cotton Mill, 37 West Soochow Road, suspended operations between 8.30 p.m. June 4 and 1.30 a.m. June 5 and again between 4 a.m. and 6 a.m. June 5. Nine male operatives of the night shift were then dismissed by the management for being the agitators. The day shift workers did not take part in the agitation and the full complement of the night shift workers, except those who were dismissed, reported for work at 6 p.m. June 5 but again struck work at 9.50 p.m. demanding that the dismissed male operatives be reinstated. The strikers were escorted from the mill premises at 11.30 p.m. June 5 by the Municipal Police at the request of the management. Normal operations were resumed on June 6 by the day and night shift workers, numbering altogether 900, pending mediation by the Bureau of Social Affairs during the afternoon of June 7.

Crowd of 1,500 In New Cotton Factory Trouble

Sing Yue Detective and Operative Wounded

STRIKERS HEADED OFF

Riot Squad and S.V.C. Russians Attend

A mob of 1,500 factory workers was dispersed by police in the Pootoo Road district yesterday evening after a fight in the Sing Yue No. 1 Cotton Mill, West Soochow Road, in which a Chinese private detective and a mill operative were severely wounded. Serious rioting was averted by the rushing of both sections of the Police Reserve Unit and two steel-helmeted platoons of the Russian Regiment into the danger area shortly before 7 o'clock. Strict vigilance was maintained at both the No. 1 and the No. 2 mill, in Robison Road, throughout the night.

The trouble, which immediately paralyzed activities at the two factory units, came only a month after another serious disturbance which occurred at the No. 2 mill, resulting in injury to six men and considerable damage to property.

Last night's rioting started at the mill in West Soochow Road at the time, about 6 o'clock, when the night shift takes over from the day workers. A fight between two factions, long-standing enemies, developed suddenly and resulted in injury to a private detective employed by the mill and one of the workers. The detective was struck on the head with a heavy instrument, while the worker was felled with an axe. Both were taken in an ambulance to the Lester Hospital. It was said last night that their condition was not serious.

March out of Mill

The encounter caused a furore at the mill and the rumour spread that a number of persons had been wounded. The workers, comprising both day and night shifts, laid down their tools and started to file out. They were going to the No. 2 mill at 8 Robison Road to enlist the sympathies of their fellows there!

The small band of policemen present were unable to cope with the situation and a call was sent to Pootoo Road Station for reinforcements. A prompt turn-out sent every available uniform and detective officer, under Insp. F. E. Dudley and Det. Sub-Insp. R. J. White, to the scene in an effort to head the mob off. A riot call was sent to the Reserve Unit at 6.45 p.m.

The distance between the two mills is a quarter of a mile and the police, having made a preliminary baton charge in West Soochow Road, met the strikers at Robison and Tunquin Roads. There the mob was dispersed, without injury to anyone, and the workers left by various roads. At the No. 2 mill, however, news of the trouble had caused all hands to lay down their tools and efforts were made to consolidate with the workers from the No. 1 mill. This was prevented by the police, the Reserve Unit standing by outside the gate until after 8 o'clock. The Russian detachment had then been returned to barracks.

Tangpu Mediates

Shortly before 8 o'clock officials of the Tangpu arrived at No. 2 mill and started negotiations which resulted in resumption of work there about an hour later. The employees at No. 1 mill remained on strike.

The scene was visited by Mr. W. E. Fairbairn, Assistant Commissioner of Police, and Supt. J. Sinclair, Divisional Officer, who assured themselves that calm had been restored before they left again. The station police from Pootoo Road kept guard throughout the night.

On March 25 windows and furniture were smashed by an angry mob at the No. 2 mill following the posting of a notice announcing reduction of personnel owing to the installation of new machinery. Four Chinese and two Sikhs were injured.

Kung Yih Workers Active

Chinese reports had it last night that more than 1,000 of the workers locked out by the Kung Yih Cotton Mill, in Robison Road outside Settlement limits, were marching to Chenju with the intention of boarding trains for Nanking where they hoped to petition the Government for assistance. They were met by the Chinese Police between Chapei and Chenju, according to the reports, and dispersed.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY.
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April ~~11 30,~~ 1937.

Sing Yue No. 1 Cotton Mill (Chinese) - strike ends

The workers of the Sing Yue No.1 Cotton Mill, 37 West Soochow Road, who ceased operations at 9 a.m. April 29 to enforce a demand for the punishment of the rent collector responsible for the fight between two factions of Mill employees on April 28 (Vide S.R. 29-4-37). resumed at 11 a.m. on the same day through the mediation of an official of the local Kanpu. The situation in the Mill is normal this morning.

Sing Yue No.1 Cotton Mill (Chinese) - strike

At 6 p.m. April 28, about 400 night shift workers of the Sing Yue No.1 Mill, 37 West Soochow Road, went on strike following a fight which took place outside the mill between two factions of mill employees, one of which was comprised of day shift workers leaving the mill and the other of persons of the loafer class allegedly led by a rent collector in the employ of the mill. The disturbance was eventually suppressed by the Police. The general feeling of discontent spread to the workers of the No.2 Mill who commenced a "tai-kung" strike at 6.45 p.m. Through the mediation of a member of the local Tangpu the No.2 Mill resumed operations at 8 p.m. The No.1 Mill, after a temporary resumption of work at 6.00 a.m. on April 29 again struck work at about 9 a.m. April 29 demanding that the management adopt measures for the punishment of the rent collector and loafers responsible for last night's clash.

Birthday of the Japanese Emperor - observance

In observance of the Birthday of the Japanese Emperor, all local Japanese owned factories suspended operations to-day, April 29. Approximately 50,000 workers employed by Japanese industrial concerns in the Settlement and 20,000 in Chinese controlled territory were given a holiday.

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THE CHINA PRESS, THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 1937

Manager Of Mill Fired Shot

The person who fired the pistol shot during the trouble at the Sing Yue Cotton Mill No. 2, 8 Robison Road, on the morning of March 25, has been found and punished. He is none other than Mr. Zung Jung-sih, age 40, manager of the mill itself.

Appearing in the First Special District Court yesterday morning in answer to a summons charging him with illegal possession of firearms, Mr. Zung was fined $300 or given the alternative of spending 100 days in jail. He paid the fine.

According to the police, the mill manager had kept a 32-caliber automatic pistol on the premises without notifying the authorities. When workers stormed the mill gates on the morning of March 25 after a suspension declared by the management, he is alleged to have fired one shot. No one was wounded.

Since confusion ruled on the mill premises at the time the shot was fired, police were at first unable to determine its origin. They finally found the bullet and the empty cartridge case and commenced a check of officials of the mill for possible firearms. The gun was eventually traced to Mr. Zung and he admitted the charge.

The trouble at the Sing Yue Mill resulted in a strike of workers that lasted until last week, when the management and workers finally smoothed out their difficulties through the mediation of the Bureau of Social Affairs and the local Kuomintang.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY.
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Date / /

April 17, 1937.

Sing Yue Nos. 1 and 2 Cotton Mills (Chinese) - normal operations

The Sing Yue Nos. 1 and 2 Cotton Mills, 37 West Soochow Road and 8 Robison Road respectively, continue to perate normally. Thirty six dismissed workers were paid off on April 16 by a representative of the management at the Oong Tseu Hotel, 70, Lane 589, Rue Lafayette.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY.
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April 16, 1937.

Sing Yue Nos. 1 and 2 Cotton Mills (Chinese)
- Normal Operations

The situation in the Sing Yue Nos. 1 and 2 Cotton Mills, 37 West Soochow Road and 8 Robison Road, respectively, whose workers went on strike between April 7-8 and April 15 continues normal.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
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Intelligence Report
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April 15, 1937.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
CRIME BRANCH REGISTRY.
No. D
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Movements of Notables

From Hangchow

Arrived at 10.30 p.m. April 14 :-

Mr. Kan Nai-kwang, member of the C.E.C. of the Kuomintang.

New Life Movement Acceleration Association - issues notice

On April 14, the New Life Movement Acceleration Association, Feng Ling Jao, off Route Ghisi, issued a circular notice to various local public bodies requesting that committees be formed to conduct classes for the illiterate, promote national goods exhibitions and take part in other activities in accordance with the programme of the Association.

Labour

Sing Yue Nos. 1 and 2 Cotton Mills (Chinese) - resume operations

As the result of a mediation meeting held in the Bureau of Social Affairs, Civic Centre, on April 13, when an agreement was reached between representatives of the strikers and the management (Vide I.R. 14/4/37), the Sing Yue Nos. 1 and 2 Cotton Mills, 37 West Soochow Road and 8 Robison Road respectively, resumed normal operations this morning, April 15, when 440 day shift workers of the No.1 Mill and 800 day shift workers of the No.2 Mill reported for work.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY.
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April 14, 1937.

Sing Yue Nos.1 and 2 Cotton Mills (Chinese) - Result of Mediation

The workers of the Sing Yue Nos.1 and 2 Cotton Mills, 37 West Soochow Road and 8 Robison Road, respectively, who went on strike on April 7/8 (Vide I.R. 8/4/37), are expected to resume work on April 15 as the following terms of settlement were agreed upon by representatives of the management and the strikers during a mediation meeting held in the Bureau of Social Affairs, Civic Centre, on the morning of April 13 :-

1. That twenty of the fifty-six workers dismissed from the No.2 Mill are to be reinstated.
2. That the remaining thirty-six dismissed workers are to be granted retiring gratuities equal to one month's wages with repatriation and other allowances equal to two months' wages.
3. That workers are to resume work on April 15 and those who do resume on that date will be given a bonus equal to four days' wages.

About eighty workers of the No.2 Mill are engaged in cleaning machinery this morning, April 14.

Lin Sung Military Uniform Factory (Chinese) - Strike

A strike was declared by one hundred and forty workers in the Sewing Department of the Lin Sung Military Uniform Factory, 33 Route Stanislas Chevalier, at 11.30 a.m. April 11, to enforce a demand for an increase in wages. Sixty of the strikers resumed work at 8 a.m. April 12 on the advice of the foreman Yang Liang-hwa (楊良華), and the remainder at 2 p.m. April 12, when a representative of the Shanghai Municipality Military Uniform Factory Workers' Union, 11 Yung Yih Li, Huei Wen Road, Chapei, promised to take the matter up with the management.

Organization	Time	No.of attendance
Local Tangpu in the Chinese Chamber of Commerce Building, North Soochow Road.	10 a.m. to 11 a.m.	300
5th District Tangpu, 215 Police Station Road, Pootung.	10 a.m. to 11 a.m.	40
Chung Hwa Seamen's Special Tangpu, 680 Chung Hwa Road, Nantao.	10 a.m. to 11 a.m.	100

Labour

Kung Yih Cotton Mill (British) - strike situation

The strike in the Kung Yih Cotton Mill, 150 Robison Road, O.O.L., which began on April 1, continues this morning, April 13.

Sing Yue Nos.1 and 2 Cotton Mills (Chinese) - strike situation

The strike of the workers of the Sing Yue Nos.1 and 2 Cotton Mills, 37 West Soochow Road and 8 Robison Road respectively, which commenced on April 7/8 (vide I.R. 8/4/37) continues this morning, April 13.

At 10 a.m. April 12, four representatives of the strikers, named Hsu Bai Shing (徐培兴), Tseu Ah Doo (周阿大), Yao Yung Ao (姚永鳌) and Tai Ngoh Zien (戴玉泉) proceeded to the Bureau of Social Affairs and requested the Bureau authorities to conduct negotiations with the management in connection with the demand for the reinstatement of 56 dismissed workers. On their request being accepted by Mr. Hsu Yu-Fu (許也夫), Chief of the Third Section, the representatives withdrew.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY.
Date

April 12, 1937 D

Anniversary of the anti-Communist Campaign commenced by General Chiang Kai-shek in 1927 - observance

Under the auspices of the local Tangpu, a meeting in commemoration of the anniversary of the anti-Communist Campaign commenced by General Chiang Kai-shek in 1927 will be held at 10 a.m. April 12 in the Chinese Chamber of Commerce building, North Soochow Road, instead of in the headquarters of the Tangpu, at Feng Ling Jao, off Route Ghisi (Vide I.R. 10/4/37).

North Station Citizens' Association - inaugurated

A new organization styled the "North Station Citizens' Association" was inaugurated at a meeting held at 2 p.m. April 11 in the Fire Station of the 4th Section on Paoshing Road, Chapei, when some one hundred and twenty persons attended. An executive committee composed of five persons was elected.

The office of the Citizens' Association is located at No.11 San Shing Li, Yu Kong Road, Chapei.

Labour

Sing Yue Nos. 1 and 2 Cotton Mills (Chinese) - strike situation

The strike of the workers of the Sing Yue Nos. 1 and 2 Cotton Mills, 37 West Soochow Road and 8 Robison Road, respectively, which commenced on April 7/8 (Vide I.R. 8/4/37) continues this morning, April 12.

The notice posted by the managements of both mills calling upon the workers to report for work between April 9 and 14 (Vide I.R. 10/4/37) has met with no response from the workers.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY.
No. D.
Date / /

April 10, 1937.

Sing Yue Nos. 1 and 2 Cotton Mills (Chinese) - labour situation

The strike of the workers of the Sing Yue Nos. 1 and 2 Cotton Mills, 37 West Soochow Road and 8 Robison Road, respectively, which commenced on April 7/8 (vide I.R. 8/4/37) continues this morning, April 10.

At 4 p.m. April 9, Mr. Lieu Shou-kwong (刘旭光), special delegate from the Ministry of Industry, visited the No.2 Mill and enquiried into the cause of the dispute.

A notification has been posted outside the No.1 Mill by the management to the effect that all workers should report for work between April 9 and April 14, failing which they would be regarded as having resigned of their own accord.

Miscellaneous

Cereal Merchants - meeting

Under the auspices of the Cereal Hong Owners' Association a meeting of representatives of the cereal merchants in Hunan, Hupeh, Kiangsi and other provinces was held at 3 p.m. April 9 in the premises of the Association, 377 Min Kuo Road, Nantao, when the question of the government persisting in its decision to permit the importation of foreign rice into Kwangtung free from duty was discussed. It was finally resolved that a third petition be submitted to the government, should the authorities ignore the second petition presented recently.

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to observe strictly the conditions reached for the settlement of the recent strike of workers, and that mediation be further conducted to solve the demands of workers which have not yet been accepted by the employers. Mr. Hsu promised to consider the matter whereupon the callers withdrew.

4th District Silk Weavers' Union - removal of office

The office of the 4th District Silk Weavers' Union was removed on April 7 from Lane 832, No.17 Thorburn Road, to No.138 Dong Loh Fang, Whashing Road.

Sing Yue Nos. 1 and 2 Cotton Mills - labour situation

At 6 p.m. April 7, unrest among the day shift workers of the Sing Yue No.1 Cotton Mill, 37 West Soochow Road, resulted in the management telephoning for police assistance in order to escort the workers from the mill. In view of the attitude adopted by the day shift, the management refused to allow the night operatives to commence work. Approximately 750 employees are affected by the lockout which continues this morning, April 8, 1937.

As a result of the lockout declared at No.1 Mill, the day shift workers of the Sing Yue No.2 Mill, 8 Robison Road, declared a strike this morning, April 8, 1937.

A representative of the Bureau of Social Affairs will visit the mills to-day and conduct an investigation into the differences between the management and the operatives.

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7. That the crew resume work from the date of settlement of the dispute.

Sing Yue Nos. 1 and 2 Cotton Mills - labour situation

In connection with the unrest among the workers of the Sing Yue No.1 Cotton Mill, 37 West Soochow Road, which resulted in the declaration of a lockout by the management and the subsequent strike of the workers in the Sing Yue No.2 Cotton Mill, 8 Robison Road, on April 7/8 (Vide I.R. 8/4/37), the situation remains unchanged this morning, April 9. Although the mills remain open in compliance with the instructions of the Bureau of Social Affairs, the workers have failed to report for work.

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Cereal Merchants' opposition to exemption of import tax on foreign rice imported into Kwangtung

In connection with the opposition of the cereal merchants to the exemption of import tax on foreign rice imported into Kwangtung (Vide I.R. 5/4/37 and 8/4/37), the Ministry of Finance yesterday, April 8, replied to the local Chinese Chamber of Commerce that the exemption would be applied to the limited quantity of 1½ million piculs of foreign rice imported into Kwangtung between April 1 and August 31, 1937, and that this rice would only be sold in Kwangtung.

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Sing Yue Nos. 1 and 2 Cotton Mills (Chinese) - labour situation

The Sing Yue Nos. 1 and 2 Cotton Mills, located at No.37 West Soochow Road and No.8 Robison Road, respectively, are working normally.

It is reported that a meeting of representatives of the workers and the management will take place in the afternoon of April 7 for the purpose of bringing about a settlement of the outstanding differences.

Ewo Silk Filature - resumes operations

Two of the departments of the Ewo Silk Filature, 1037 North Chengtu Road, which suspended operations on March 27 owing to lack of material (Vide I.R. 31/3/37) resumed operations on April 7, employing 320 out of the total complement of 1,100 hands. The reeling department of the filature will reopen on April 9.

China A.B.C. Underwear and Weaving Mill (Chinese) - resumes operations

Following the signing on April 6 of an agreement for the settlement of the dispute between the workers and the management over the dismissal of two mechanics (Vide I.R. 6/3/37), the strike in the China A.B.C. Underwear and Weaving Mill, 1099 Connaught Road, O.O.L., which began on March 30, came to an end on the morning of April 7 when 70 workers resumed work. The remaining 160 workers are expected to resume later.

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In the afternoon of the same day, the twenty four Chinese watchmen from the Yang Ka Doo Wharf, Pootung, Central Wharf and the Eastern Wharf on Broadway East visited the head offices of the Company and made the same demand. The callers were informed that their request would be considered by the management.

Shanghai Fish Market - dismissed employees demand retiring gratuities

Acting on the instructions of the Ministry of Industry stressing the necessity for economy, the management of the Shanghai Fish Market on Point Island discharged sixty nine employees on April 1.

At 2 p.m. April 5, ten representatives of the discharged employees visited the Fish Market and submitted a demand for the issue of retiring gratuities equal to one year's pay. The Sub-Manager of the Market received the delegation and promised that the request would be considered at a meeting of the Board of Directors.

Sing Yue Nos.1 and 2 Cotton Mills (Chinese)- resume operations

In compliance with an order of the Bureau of Social Affairs, the workers of the Sing Yue Nos.1 and 2 Cotton Mills, 37 West Soochow Road and 8 Robison Road respectively, resumed work on April 6, pending further negotiations in connection with their demands. Four hundred and fifty workers are working in the No.1 Mill and five hundred in the No.2 Mill this morning, April 6.

On April 5, the management of the Mills received a petition from the workers containing the following demands:-

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1) Recognition of the workers' union by the management.

2) Reinstatement of fismissed workers.

3) Issue of full wages for the period of strike

4) Payment of $500 by the management for the expenses incurred by the workers' representatives during the strike.

The petition concludes by stating that the workers would strike again on April 7, 1937, should the demands be ignored.

Sing Yue Nos. 1 and 2 Cotton Mills (Chinese)
- remain closed

The Sing Yue No.1 Cotton Mill, 37 West Soochow Road, and the Sing Yue No.2 Cotton Mill, 8 Robison Road, remain closed this morning, April 5.

On April 4, the management of the No.2 Mill posted a notice stating that on the instructions of the Bureau of Social Affairs, the mill would re-open on the morning of April 6. The notice also stated that with the exception of the fifty-six workers whose services were dispensed with owing to the installation of new machinery, all employees should resume work on that date.

The No.1 Mill will also re-open on April 6. The Bureau of Social Affairs has decided to mediate in the dispute on April 7.

Copies of a handbill entitled "A letter to the public from the entire body of workers of the Sing Yue No.1 and No.2 Cotton Mills" were recently distributed through the post to various local public bodies and leading residents. The handbill denounces the management of the mills for ill-treating the workers and attributes the present strike to the high handed actions of the management.

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Children's Day - local observance

Under the auspices of the Bureau of Social Affairs, a meeting in celebration of Children's Day was held at 10 a.m. April 4 in the People's Educational Institute, Wen Miao Park, Nantao, when three hundred students attended.

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Sing Yue Nos. 1 and 2 Cotton Mills (Chinese) - remain closed

The labour situation in the Sing Yue No.1 Cotton Mill, 37 West Soochow Road, and the Sing Yue No.2 Cotton Mill, 8 Robison Road, remains unchanged. In compliance with a notification issued by the management, the workers will receive their wages to-day (March 31).

At 9 a.m. March 30, Zee Bai Shing (徐培兴), Wong Tsung Piau (王正标), Tsou Ah Doo (周阿大) and five other representatives of the workers of the Sing Yue Cotton Mills, made an appeal to the Bureau of Social Affairs and the General Labour Union. At both places they were advised to resume work pending negotiations.

It is reported that the Bureau of Social Affairs has ordered the management of the mills to re-open without delay, and that the Bureau will convene a mediation meeting between representatives of the workers and the management at 10 a.m. April 10.

Dah Tung Cigarette Factory (Chinese) - agitation among female workers

Two hundred and fifty female workers of the Dah Tung Cigarette Factory, No.17, Lane 474 Rue de Ziccawei, went on strike at 12.30 p.m. on March 29 to enforce demands for an increase in wages and better treatment. They resumed work on March 30 when their demands were accepted by the management on modified terms.

Apart from the 250 female workers, the factory also employs 30 male workers.

French Concession Chinese Ratepayers' Association - meeting

The Standing Committee of the Chinese Ratepayers' Association in the French Concession held a meeting at 4 p.m. March 29 in Room 215, Chung Wei Bank Building, 16 Rue de la Porte du Nord, and passed the following resolutions :-

1) That support be given to the Chinese Ratepayers' Association in the International Settlement, the 1st Special District Citizens' Federation and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in their opposition to an increase of 2% in Municipal Rates.

2) That in connection with an increase in licence fees collected from operators of employment agencies, the Chinese members of the C.M.F. be requested to bring up the question at a meeting of the Council.

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Sing Yue Nos.1 and 2 Cotton Mills (Chinese) remain closed

The Sing Yue No.1 Cotton Mill, 37 West Soochow Road, and the Sing Yue No.2 Cotton Mill, 8 Robison Road, remain closed this morning. A total of approximately 2,500 workers are affected.

The Bureau of Social Affairs is mediating in the dispute but no progress has been made. Although the Bureau issued an order on March 28 instructing the workers of both mills to resume work pending negotiations, the workers have declined to comply with the order until such time as a satisfactory reply to their demands is received.

The management of the Mills will pay wages to their workers between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. March 31.

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Sing Yue No.1 Mill, 37 J. Soochow Road - Strike declared workers

At 8 p.m. March 25, 1937, 348 female and 43 male workers of the night shift employed at the Sing Yue No.1 Mill ceased work on the pretext that they feared intimidation from the workers of the Sing Yue No.2 Mill. They refused to resume work and all the operatives were escorted from the mill premises by the S.M.P. at 10 p.m.. On the morning of March 26, some 140 of the day shift workers out of a total 470 reported for work but by 9.30 a.m., on becoming cognizant of the situation, these operatives also ceased work and returned to their homes. 900 employees are affected.

Sing Yue No.2 Mill - Lockout of workers

The lockout of operatives in the above named mill (Vide I.R. 25.3.37) continues. Under the auspices of the Bureau of Social Affairs, negotiations between representatives of the workers and the mill management have been commenced in order to bring about a settlement of the dispute.

Sing Yeu No.2 Cotton Mill (Chinese) - agitation of workers

At 6.30 p.m. March 24, 67 male and 508 female workers (night shift) of the Sing Yeu No.2 Cotton Mill, 8 Robison Road, went on strike as a protest against the dismissal of 55 workers resulting from the installation of new machinery. They were subsequently escorted from the mill by the Municipal Police at the request of the management.

In the early morning of March 25 the management declared a lockout pending a settlement of the dispute. At 5.45 a.m. March 25, about 80 male and 520 female workers reported for work, and on being refused admittance, they adopted a hostile attitude and eventually forced the main gate and gained entry to the compound of the mill, where the male workers attacked the offices and living quarters. No serious damage to property occurred, but three male foremen and two Sikh watchmen sustained injuries during the affray.

After the incident, a foreman named Fu Eur Sung (傅漢声) reported that one of the attackers had stolen from his room a .32 automatic pistol containing 6 rounds of ammunition.

The Sing Yeu No.2 Cotton Mill employs approximately 1,600 hands on day and night shifts.

Shun Ho Weaving Factory (Chinese) - ex-workers demand employment

The Shun Ho Weaving Factory, 232 Tongshan Road, recently closed owing to a shortage of material. As a result, forty eight workers were thrown out of employment. On March 24, thirty-two of the ex-workers proceeded to the factory with a view to demanding employment. They later withdrew on being promised reinstatement when the factory re-opens.

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THE CHINA PRESS, SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 1937

Trouble Keeps Cotton Mills Closed Down

Sing Yue Factories To Remain Shut Pending Negotiations

With labor trouble still in a flourishing condition among the workers of the Sing Yue Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, the No. 1 and No. 2 mills of that concern, located on Robison Road, remained closed yesterday.

Considerable secrecy surrounds the intentions of the management of the mill, but it was reported by reliable authority that negotiations are now under way between representatives of the workers and the executives.

According to statements made three days ago when about 600 mill workers forced the gate at the No. 1 mill, causing a small riot, the trouble started over the installation of a new loom.

The workers held that some 65 of their number would lose their jobs because of the new loom. The management informed the Settlement police that this was a mistaken idea; that nobody would lose his job.

On the other hand, the workers reported yesterday that some of the workers had already been dismissed. They further stated that the management was asked to reconsider these dismissals but that the request was refused.

A lockout at the No. 1 mill followed Thursday morning, and this precipitated definite trouble. The workers entered the mill compound after forcing the gate and broke windows and furniture in the offices. Four persons were injured.

During the trouble, one shot was fired by a person yet unknown to the police. An empty cartridge case was found and an attempt is now being made to determine the ownership of the gun from which it was fired.

Approximately 150 workers of the No. 2 mill turned up for work Friday morning. The rest, about 300, remained out in sympathy with the workers locked out of the No. 1 mill. Those who did appear changed their minds about working and walked out in a body at 10.30 a.m. Yesterday morning, the mill closed its doors so all workers although some appeared ready to go on with their jobs.

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Shot Fired During Riot Vexes Police

Sing Yue Cotton Mill Scene Of Labor Disturbance

NEW MACHINERY CAUSES TROUBLE

Five Members Of Plant Staff, 3 Workers Injured

Although the situation at the Sing Yue Cotton Mill, 8 Robison Road, was well under control last night, officials of the Shanghai Municipal Police were attempting to discover the identity of a person who apparently fired a shot from a service pistol during the trouble on the mill premises during the morning.

To help them along, the cartridge case ejected from the pistol after the shot was fired has been found and is now in the hands of ballistics experts at headquarters.

THE CHINA PRESS was informed last night that no one was injured as a result of the shot. The fact remains, however, that there was no occasion for shooting, according to the police, hence the effort to locate the man who fired the gun. It is generally believed that the discharge of the pistol may have been an accident. It also is thought that the gun was a police weapon.

Wait Mediation

The 600 workers who caused the riot together with an equal number of other mill hands of the factory were last night waiting the result of mediation which was being pushed by Kuomintang and Bureau of Social Affairs officials.

Police reported that there are still a few malcontents among the lot, but precautions have been taken against the occurrence of further untoward incidents.

Trouble at the factory has been brewing for the past two weeks as a result of a decision on the part of the management to install several new weaving machines. During the time of the installation, some [illegible] were to be laid off.

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Names Posted

The names of the dismissed workers were posted outside the factory door Wednesday night. This notice apparently incensed the workers to stage the riot yesterday morning.

Factory officials, expecting trouble, decided to shut the factory down for one day.

Consequently, when the 520 women and 80 men, comprising the day-shift, arrived on the scene, they found themselves locked out. Despite the assurances of the owners that the mill would be closed down for a short time only and that none would lose their jobs, the workers stormed the gates and forced them open.

Dashing into the compound, they went to the company's offices, broke windows and wrecked furniture. They got into the mess-hall and one of the office-staff who was having his breakfast, was badly scalded when he ran into and upset a cauldron of boiling water. He is now in the Lester Chinese Hospital.

Riot Call Sent Out

A riot call was sent into the Pootoo Road Police Station and the reserves were rushed to the scene immediately. The officers dispersed the workers in short order. The majority went home but about 200 lingered outside the gates for an hour or two before leaving the district.

Three workers were slightly injured during the melee and were sent to the hospital for treatment.

Five members of the factory's office staff, including its chief engineer, were injured during the fracas. One of these suffer serious internal injuries and was last night in a critical condition at the Pathum Hospital.

Several offices of the mill were completely wrecked during the riot. The [illegible] to about eight [illegible] were untouched by the [illegible].

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THE SHANGHAI TIMES, FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1937

Rioting In Cotton Mill As Workers Are Locked-Out

Management Of Sing Yue No. 2 Mill Lock-out Day Shift After Night Shift Workers Declared Sympathy Strike For 55 Dismissed Hands

A large number of window panes and office furniture in the compound of the Sing Yue No. 2 Cotton Mill at 8 Robison Road were smashed up yesterday morning by some 600 male and female day shift workers, who broke into the compound at about 6 o'clock after belong locked out by the management.

Trouble started at the mill on Wednesday night when the management announced their decision to dispense with the services of 55 of the night shift hands, by posting a notice to that affect at the factory. The remainder of the 500 workers declared a sympathy strike. The management, who were contemplating for some time past to close down the factory for several days in order to instal new weaving machinery, decided to take this opportunity to close the factory.

The day shift workers, upon arriving at the factory, accordingly found the gates locked. The crowd of some 600 became restive and finally broke through the gates and into the mill compound. While the female workers entered the factory building, the male hands rushed towards the living quarters and offices, also in the compound. Stones were thrown at the windows, and the group that entered the offices and living quarters of foremen and watchmen smashed most of the furniture.

Police Called

A call for police assistance was immediately made and a squad of officers from the Pootoo Road Police Station turned out. The workers, upon the arrival of the police, walked out quietly from the compound. Before the police arrived on the scene, however, three foremen and two Indian watchmen had been injured by the infuriated workers.

It has been alleged by the workers that two pistol shots had been fired by the management at the crowd and that the two pistols were seized by the mill hands. Late yesterday afternoon it was reported in Chinese circles that the workers had turned over the pistols to Nantao Police with a request that an investigation be conducted. It was also alleged that boiling water was thrown on the workers, one man being badly scalded and taken to hospital. The injured foremen were also rushed to hospital in an ambulance.

Only one man has been arrested by the police and is being held pending further inquiries being made.

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REPORT

Date April 30, 19 37.

Subject Formation of labour union - by workers of the Sing Yue Cotton Mills.

Made by D.S.I. Shih Ssu-chien *Forwarded by* W. Lanier D/C

Information has been received to the effect that the workers of the Sing Yue No.s 1 and 2 Cotton Mills, 37 West Soochow and 8 Robison Roads, respectively, are in the course of forming a labour union with the following eleven workers appointed as members of the preparatory committee:-

Zee Pei-shing (斜沛), a former worker of the No.1 Mill, who has considerable influence with the workers;
Lee Tong Fong (李同芳), Worker of the No.1 Mill;
Tsang Hoh Kwei (張學貴), -do-
Long Pao Kung (邱宝根), -do-
Nyi Sih Tso (倪錫祚), -do-
Ma Ching Lung (馬錦龍), -do-
Yao Yung Hoh (姚永鶴), Worker of the No.2 Mill;
Tai Zai Kwei (戴才貴), -do-
Koo Zai Sung (顧再生), -do-
Tsang Nyn Kwei (張銀宝), -do-
Ting Yu Zee (丁雨澤), -do-

The communication office of the above committee is at present situated at No.419 Robison Road, the home of Zee Pei-shing.

Efforts to obtain further information regarding this Union are being made.

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REPORT

Date April 7, 19 37.

Subject Sing Yue No.1 & 2 Cotton Mills - labour situation.

Made by D.S.Larby. Forwarded by J Boyne D S I

Information has been received to the effect that at about 10 a.m. April 7, a number of representatives of the workers of the Sing Yue Nos. 1 & 2 Cotton Mills visited the Bureau of Social Affairs and appealed for assistance in the settlement of the present dispute.

The representatives were received by Mr. Hsu Yah Foo 許亞夫, Chief of the 3rd Section of the Bureau and were informed that he (Mr. Hsu) together with Mr. Loh Wing-chu 陸榮初 of the local Tangpu Headquarters would make a personal visit to the Sing Yue Cotton Mills on the morning of April 8, 1937 subsequent to which a meeting between the management and the representatives of the workers would be arranged.

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Date April 5, 19 37.

Subject Sing Yue Cotton Mills - notices distributed by the workers.

Made by D.S. Larby *Forwarded by* T Hogue D S I

With reference to the strike of workers at the Sing Yue Nos. 1 and 2 Cotton Mills, copies of a notice purporting to deal with the causes of the unrest among the employees have been distributed through the post to various local public bodies, police officers of the Special Branch and leading residents.

Copies of the pamphlet together with translations are attached herewith.

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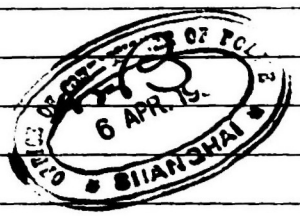

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Translation of a pamphlet entitled "An open letter to the public from the entire body of workers of the Sing Yue No. 1 and No. 2 Cotton Mills."

Following the recent dispute between the mill management and the workers, the mill management published inaccurate news in the press with a view to misleading the public so as to cast all blame upon the workers. It is therefore necessary for we workers to tell you the true facts in order that we may obtain your sympathy and support.

We had been working in the mills for many years, peacefully and without disputes until last February when the management of the two mills was taken over by the Zung Foo Company and one Tseng Zing Hi was appointed mill manager and one Wang Loong Hwa, Chief of the Personnel Section. Since their appointment Tseng and Wang have discharged workers at their inclination in order to replace the vacancies with their own men, which action has eventually resulted in a series of disputes. They first dismissed a batch of staff members and then 12 workers. On March 16, 47 workers were dismissed and on March 24 a notice was posted dismissing another batch of 56 workers. The workers, when they asked the Management the reason for the dismissals, were driven out of the mill. On the following morning (March 25), when we went to the mill for duty, we were set upon by scores of loafers led by Wang Lung Hwa, assaulted with iron bars and splashed with boiling water. Wang even produced a pistol and fired at the workers but the pistol was seized by the workers. As a result of the assault, more than 10 workers were injured and they are now in hospital undergoing treatment. The above happenings were not only related in detail in the local press but can also be confirmed by the Municipal Police and detectives who were then on the scene.

After the incident, the workers requested the local Kuomintang and the City Government Authorities to hold a meeting for mediation in the dispute but the management refused to participate.

As our living is based on the Sing Yue Mills, on no account do we wish to ruin the mills so as to cut our throats. We want to work, and work under due and fair protection. But Wang, who was responsible for the trouble, should be dealt with according to law. The Mills' bankers are sincerely requested to remove the impression that the workers are all bad elements and in addition are asked not to insist on the dismissal of workers. If the mill managements decide to dismiss workers on a large scale on the pretext of improving the business, we shall at any cost protest against such action.

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Date March 26, 19 37.

Subject Sing Yue (新裕) No.2 Cotton Mill (Chinese) ---Unrest followed by a lockout of workers ---- Sympathetic strike declared by the employees of the Sing Yue No.1 Cotton Mill.

Made by D.S. Larby. Forwarded by J Bogue D S I

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At 6.30 p.m. on the 24.3.37, 67 male and 508 female workers employed on the night shift of the Sing Yue (新裕) No. 2 Cotton Mill, situated at 8 Robison Road, declared a strike as a protest against the dismissal of 56 workers whose services had been declared unsatisfactory by the management. It is worthy of notice that trouble has been brewing in the factory for some time past, as a result of a decision on the part of the management to gradually replace the existing machinery by new weaving machines of a labour saving type. It can therefore be safely assumed that the projected installation of this new machinery has been a contributory cause of the unrest among the operatives.

During the early morning of the 25.3.37, as a result of a decision of the Board of Directors, the management caused a notice to be posted outside the mill premises declaring a lockout of operatives pending a settlement of the dispute.

At about 5.45 a.m. (25.3.37), the day shift workers, consisting of about 80 males and 520 females arrived at the mill in order to relieve the night workers and on being refused admittance to the mill premises, forced the main gate and succeeded in effecting an entrance into the factory compound. Having succeeded in entering the mill, the workers proceeded to indulge in an orgy of window smashing and breaking of furniture in the offices and living quarters, injuring a number of staff employees of the mill in the process. During the fracas, three workers named Tsui Ah Sai (朱阿三), Tsui Ah Dah (朱阿大) and Yao Yung Ao (姚永鳌) suffered scalds as a result, it is alleged, of the action of certain factory officials in spattering them with hot water. Between 1 and 2 p.m. on 25.3.37, the three aforesaid workers attended the Labourers' Hospital, 1000 Ferry Road, for treatment and afterwards

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obtained medical certificates which were submitted to the local Tangpu Headquarters.

While the melee was in progress a pistol shot was fired in one of the ground floor offices, presumably with the object of endeavouring to frighten the rioting workers into refraining from any acts of violence or sabotage. It is reported, though not as yet confirmed, that one, Wong Loong Hwa (王龍華), manager of the personnel section, fired two shots from a pistol in his possession. This report is however strenuously denied by Wong.

Subsequently, a foreman, one Fu Ewr Sung (傅漢聲), reported that a .32 automatic pistol, the property of the mill authorities, had been forcibly taken from him while he had been endeavouring to placate the rioting workers.

After the trouble had subsided, a number of mill employees consisting largely of male workers proceeded to the Ning Song(寧滬) Hotel, 496 Tientsin Road where a meeting was held in Room No.225, and five representatives, namely:-

1. Zee Bei Ching (徐培金);
2. Jeu Zau Hwa (朱造華);
3. Fang Pao Ching (方寶慶);
4. Wong Ching Poo (王慶浦);
5. Zee Zau Lung (徐兆倫);

were appointed to appeal to the local Tangpu Headquarters, to assist in the settlement of the differences existing between the mill owners and the operatives.

Subsequent to the workers' meeting already described, a pistol was handed over to the Tangpu by the five elected representatives and later passed to the Shanghai Woosung Garrison Headquarters with whose Commander the S.M.P. Special Branch

have lodged a request for the loan of the aforementioned weapon in order that it may be checked and tested by the S.M.P. Arms Identification Bureau.

From preceding paragraphs, it will be readily seen that there is considerable doubt as to whether the pistol which was fired in the mill offices is identical with the one at present lodged in the headquarters of the Shanghai Woosung Garrison. This matter will therefore be clarified in a subsequent report.

Efforts to bring about a reconciliation between the employees and the management were begun on the morning of the 25.3.37 when an official of the Bureau of Social Affairs visited the Sing Yue No.2 Mill to appraise the damage and generally acquaint himself with the situation. On the morning of the 26.3.37, a meeting between the workers' representatives and the management was arranged under the auspices of the Bureau of Social Affairs but negotiations were held up owing to the failure of any of the management to put in an appearance.

As a result of the disturbances and unrest already described, considerable discontent and agitation has now arisen among the operatives in the Sing Yue ( ) No.1 Cotton Mill located at No.37 West Soochow Road. A culminating point was reached on the evening of the 25.3.37 when at 8 p.m., the night shift workers consisting of 348 females and 43 males declared a strike, ostensibly because of their fear of being intimidated by the employees of the Sing Yue No.2 Mill. All the workers were then escorted by the police from the mill, the evacuation being completed by 10 p.m.

On the morning of the 26.3.37, some 140 of the day shift workers out of a total of 470 reported for work but by

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9.30 a.m. onbecoming cognizant of the situation, these operatives also ceased work and returned to their homes. The mill now remains completely idle, the night duty workers having also failed to put in an appearance.

K. J. Larby.
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D.C.(Special Branch).

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Pootoo Road Station,

REPORT

Date 23.7.37. 19

Subject Short Tai Kung Strike at the Sing Yue No.2 Cotton Mill, No.8 Robison Road.

Made by D.S.I. Burton. Forwarded by [illegible]

Sir,

At 9 a.m. on the 23.7.37., C.D.C.145 whilst patrolling Robison Road, encountered one named Loh Ying Tsen (陸應泉), a member of the Local Tangpu, who informed the C.D.C. that he had been at the Sing Yue No.2 Cotton Mill, No.8 Robison Road, negotiating with the night shift operatives who had declared a Tai Kung strike in the early hours of 23.7.37.

Upon receipt of this information C.D.C.145 informed the undersigned and enquiries were immediately conducted and the following information obtained:-

A female night shift operator named Zung Ziang Mee (陳祥爭) on the 21.7.37. gave her work book to an office coolie named Sung Ah Ziang (宋阿祥) to be stamped for a piece of extra work which she had done entitling her to receive three cents.

On leaving the mill at about 6 a.m. 22.7.37., the female noticed that her book had not been stamped and accordingly a short altercation took place between her and the office boy.

On returning to work at 5 p.m. 22.7.37., the female and office boy quarrelled again, this time the quarrel was brought to the notice of the management, who dismissed them on the spot.

The dismissal of the female operative caused unrest amongst the other night shift operatives who at 3 a.m. on 23.7.37. declared a Tai Kung strike for the reinstatement of the female.

At 6 a.m. 23.7.37., the strike ended when the management agreed to reinstate the female after negotiating with the aforementioned Tangpu member and work proceeded normally.

The information of this strike was not communicated to this station by the mill management.

D.D.O. "B" Div.

D.S.I.

Duty Inspector i/c. C.I.D.

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Louza
June 11th, 37.

Misc. No. 383/37.

10-6-37 a.m.

S.S.D.Court.

Execution of Search Warrant No.2157 issued by the S.S.D.Court - seizure of reactionary publication "Yeh Luh Ka."

Six copies of reactionary publication entitled Yeh Luh Ka (野魯) were brought before the S.S.D.Court on the morning of 10-6-37 for disposal, when the presiding Judge handed down the following decision:-

"Seized books to be temporarily detained pending Tang-pu's perusal."

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Sen.Det.1/c.

D.D.O."A".

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Pootoo Road Station,

REPORT

Date 7.6.37. 19

Subject Labour Situation at the Sing Yue No. 1 Cotton Mill, No. 37 West Soochow Road.

Made by D.S.I. White Forwarded by [illegible]

Sir,

A full complement of night shift operatives reported for work at the Sing Yue No. 1 Cotton Mill, No. 37 West Soochow Road on the night of the 6.6.37.

All day shift workers reported for work on the morning of the 7.6.37.

No untoward incident has occurred on either of the shifts.

It is reported that the 10 male operatives are making representations to the Tang-pu to arbitratedwith the management for their re-instatement, or payment of compensation.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D.S.I.

D.D.O. "B" Division.

INTELLIGENCE REPORT

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Pootoo Road Station,

REPORT

Date 6-6-37. 19

Subject Labour situation at the Sing Yue No. 1 Cotton Mill, No. 37 West Soochow Road.

Made by D.S.I. White. Forwarded by [illegible]

Sir,

A full complement of night shift workers, less 10 male Chinese operatives dismissed as instigators of the strike of the 4th inst. reported for work on the 5/6/37. At about 9.45p.m. 5-6-37, a telephone message was received from the Sing Yue No. 1 Cotton Mill, No. 37 West Soochow Road, reporting to the effect that the operatives consisting of 40 males and 360 females had struck work, demanding the reinstatement of the 10 dismissed male operatives. The management of the mill endeavoured to persuade the operatives to resume work, but were unsuccessful, whereupon the management requested the police to remove the operatives from the premises.

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All operatives were removed from the mill premises at about 11.30p.m. 5-6-37 without an untoward incident having occurred. No day shift workers reported for work on the 6-6-37 due to the date being Sunday and the scheduled day for the changing of shift.

It is anticipated that the former day shift will report for night duty on the evening of the 6-6-37.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D.D.C.B.

D. S. I. White

Officer i/c Spl. B.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT.

REPORT ON STRIKE

Pootoo Road Station. 5.6.37. 192

Time and date reported 12.20 a.m. 5.6.37. Time and date I.O. informed

By whom reported Mill Management

Trade or profession of strikers Ring spining, Carding and winding.

Number of strikers 450 Male 80 Female 370 Apprentices

Employer's name, address and business Sing Yue No. 1 Cotton Mill, No. 37 West Soochow Road.

Union to which strikers belong -

Cause of strike and demands made by strikers Dissatisfaction over the employment of new foreman from outside source. Demand put forward that said foreman be dismissed and one of three foremen dismissed some time ago reinstated.

When did discontent amongst strikers first commence 6 p.m. 4.6.37.

What action (if any) did employers take to remedy cause of discontent prior to commencement of strike None

What action (if any) have the employers taken to meet the demands of the strikers Employees demand under consideration.

Names and addresses of strike leaders -

Has the strike or its cause any political inspiration -

Meeting places of strikers -

Number of persons arrested for offences arising out of strike -

Particulars of literature (if any) circulated relative to strike -

Name and address of printer of such circulars -

Precautions taken by Police Police posted in factory.

SENIOR INSP. I/C.	INSPECTOR I/C.	D. C. I.	I. C.

NOTE. "Further" reports should be submitted on the usual Report form.

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Pootoo Rd
5.6.37.

Misc. No. 92/37.

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Re Strike at the Sing Yue No. 1 Cotton Mills, No. 37, West Soochow Rd.

At 12.20 a.m. on 5.6.37, a telephone message was received from the management of the Sing Yue No. 1 Cotton Mill, No. 37, West Soochow Road, to the effect that the night shift workers had gone on strike. A Party of police under Inspector Dudley attended when it was ascertained that at the commencement of the night shift 6 p.m. on 4.6.37, a new forewoman named Tsu Siau Mei (徐小妹) previously employed at the Sung Sing No. 2 Cotton Mill, No. 96 Jehang Road, started work.

The workers upon learning of her presence disapproved and after discussing the matter amongst themselves at 8.30 p.m. struck work and put forth a demand to the management that the new forewoman be dismissed and in her stead one of three forewomen dismissed from the mill some time ago be reinstated. The management refused to dismiss the offending forewoman and being unable to reason with the employees called upon the police for assistance.

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The workers were informed that the management were considering their demand and instructed to return to work otherwise they would have to leave the mill. Finally at 1.20 a.m. on 5.6.37, they decided to resume work until 4 a.m. at which time they would leave the

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5.6.37.

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mill if the management had not agreed to their terms. At 4 a.m. they again ceased work, but stayed on the mill premises until 6 a.m. when with the arrival of the day shift all left in orderly manner.

They day shift employees commenced work and show no indication of striking in sympathy with night workers.

D.S. 326.

Sen. Det. i/c.

O.C. "B" Division.

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File No.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Pootoo Road Station,

REPORT

Date 29.4.37. 19

Subject. Labour situation at the Sing Yue No. 1 Cotton Mill, No. 37 West Soochow Road, and Sing Yue No. 2 Cotton Mill, No. 8 Robison Road.

Made by D.S.I. White. Forwarded by

Sir,

At 10 a.m. 29.4.37, information was received from the Sing Yue No. 1 Cotton Mill, No. 37, West Soochow Road, to the effect that the operatives of the mill had ceased work. Enquiries of the operatives of the mill elicited the information that they had ceased work pending receipt of an answer from the management regarding the action to be taken against Faung Fah Piau, whom the operatives allege was the instigator of the fighting affray outside the mill premises on the evening of the 26.4.37, when a male operative of the mill received axe wounds. The mill operatives were addressed by a representative of the Koumintang Headquarters, who informed the operatives that the previous night occurrence is being investigated by the management, who would prosecute the guilty party on completion of their investigations, whereupon the operatives resumed work at about 10.45 a.m.

The majority of the night shift operatives of both mills reported for work between 5.30 p.m. and 6 p.m. 29.4.37, and normal conditions prevailed during the night.

A full complement of day shift opeeratives reported for work between 5.30 a.m. and 6 a.m. 30-4-37 and nothing untoward occurred.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. D. O. "B".

Officer i/c. Spl. Branch.

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File No. Misc. 26/37

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Pootoo Road Station,

REPORT

Date 29th. April 19 37

Subject Labour situation at the Sing Yue No.1 Cotton Mill, 37 W. Soochow Road, and No.2 Cotton Mill, No.8 Robison Road.

Made by D.S.I. White Forwarded by Officer i/c [illegible]

Sir,

Enquiries at the Sing Yue No.1 Cotton Mill, No.37 West Soochow Road, and the Sing Yue No.2 Cotton Mill, No.8 Robison Road, on the morning of this date elicited the information that the majority of the operatives had reported for work and that normal conditions prevail at both mills.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

[signature]

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D.D.C. "B" Div.

Officer i/c., Spl. Br.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

REPORT ON STRIKE

"B" Division

Pootoo Road Station 28th.April 193.7

Time and date reported 6:08p.m. Time and date S.B. informed 6:30p.m. 28/4/37

Time and date strike commenced About 6p.m. 28/4/37

By whom reported Management, Sing Yue Cotton Mill, west Soochow Road.

Trade or profession of strikers Cotton mill operatives.

Number of strikers 430 Male 70 Female 360 Apprentices

Employer's name, address and business Sing Yue Cotton Mills, No.37 W. Soochow Road

Union to which strikers belong Unknown.

Cause of strike and demands made by strikers Rival factions of the operatives clashed in a fighting affray. No demands made by the workers.

When did discontent amongst strikers first commence -----

What action (if any) did employers take to remedy cause of discontent prior to commencement of strike A representative of the kouaintang interviewded delegates of the operatives and the day shift resumed work on the 29/4/37.

What action (if any) have the employers taken to meet the demands of the strikers -----

Names and addresses of strike leaders -------

Has the strike or its cause any political inspiration No.

Meeting places of strikers -------

Number of persons arrested for offences arising out of strike One female. Subsequently released.

Particulars of literature (if any) circulated relative to strike Nil.

Name and address of printer of such circulars ----

Precautions taken by Police Police and detectives posted in vicinity of mill.

Investigating Officer D.S.I. White.

Subsequent reports on the same strike should be submitted on the Report Forms for general use.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE. Misc. File No. 26/37.

Pootoo Road Station,

REPORT

Date 28.4.37. 19

Subject. Labour Dissension in the Sing Yue No.1 Cotton Mill, 37 west Soochow Road and Sing Yue No. 2 Cotton Mill, No.8 Robison Road.

Made by D.S.I. White. Forwarded by

Sir,

At 6:08 p.m. 28.4.37., a telephone message was received from the Management of the Sing Yue No.1 Cotton Mill, No.37 west Soochow Road, reporting that dissension had occurred between rival factions of the operatives with the result that a fighting affray was in progress on West Soochow Road outside of the mill premises and that the night shift operatives had struck work. Immediately on receipt of the aforementioned report, the Officer i/c District, in charge of a party of Police, proceeded to the scene and on arrival discovered that the fight was terminated and the combatants in the affray had dispersed. Enquiries at the scene revealed that the day shift workers, approximately 400 male and female workers, who ceased work at about 6 p.m. augmented by the night shift workers, approximately 450 operatives, intended to proceed to the Sing Yue No.2 Cotton Mill, No.8 Robison Road, with the intentions of inciting the operatives of the No.2 Mill to strike.

Acting on this information the Officer i/c District, with a squad of Police, immediately proceeded to the vicinity of No.2 Mill, with a view to preventing the intentions of the operatives being put into effect.

The operatives, reinforced with the loafer element and on-lookers, were encountered at the junctions of Tonquin and Robison Roads, and efforts were made to disperse the assembly.

In view of the numerous persons and the possibility of assembly dividing and proceeding in divers directions to the No.8 Mill, the Officer i/c District requisitioned the services of the Reserve Unit. The Reserve Unit, with Mr. Fairbairn, A/C. i/c. arrived on the scene at about 6:40 p.m. and dispersed the assembled

persons. Enquiries at the No.2 Mill, Robison Road, elicited the information that the operatives had ceased work at 6:45 p.m. in sympathy with the operatives of the No.1 Mill.

The operatives of No.2 Mill were subsequently addressed by a representative of the Kuomintang Headquarters and all resumed work at 8 p.m.

Investigations at the No.1 Cotton Mill appertaining to the fight elicited the appended information.

Since the previous strike, one named Faung Fah Piau (方發標), who acts in the capacity of rent collector on behalf of the mill management, collecting the rent from operatives residing in houses owned by the company, has incurred the enmity of certain operatives of the No.1 Mill, they maintaining that in the recent labour troubles between the operatives and management, he (Faung) had materially assisted the latter to the deterrent of the operatives.

At about 9 a.m. 28.4.37., certain unknown operatives are alleged to have made an attack on Faung Fah Piau while he was visiting No.1 Mill, but he succeeded in making good his escape uninjured. It is alleged by the operatives that Faung Fah Piau, as a reprisal to the attempted attack, made on him in the morning, sought the assistance of certain members of the loafer element, and waited in the vicinity of the No.1 Mill entrance for the day shift workers leaving the premises, when they were attacked by Faung Fah Piau and his adherents. In the ensuing affray Faung Fah Piau received a lacertation of the scalp, which was medically treated at the Labourer's Hospital, Ferry Road, while an operative named Sung Siau Kau Ts (陳小九子) was conveyed to the Lester Chinese Hospital for medical treatment and found to be suffering from lacertation of

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Pootoo Road Station,

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Date 28.4.37. 19

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the chest and bruises of the hip and leg. Both men were discharged after receiving medical attention. Interrogation of the injured proved negative, both professing to have no knowledge regarding the origin of the affray, or the causes leading to the same. Both were severely cautioned and released. While the operatives of the No.1 Mill were proceeding to the No.2 Mill along Tonquin Road, and during the efforts of the Police to disperse the assembled persons, a female operative of No.1 Mill, named Zung Siau Mei (), age 19 years, native of Yangchow, residing at No.8 Tai Lai Faung (), Gordon Road, was observed by S.I. Liao Kwei Woo to be brandishing her hands and continuously blowing a whistle in an endeavour to re-assemble the crowd. She was immediately arrested and conveyed to Pootoo Road Station.

In view of the fact that the detention of the female would cause further labour dissension amongst the operatives, she was subsequently released, after being severely cautioned regarding her conduct, on the instructions of Supt. Sinclair, D.C."B" Division.

Supt. Sinclair, D.C."B" Division, informed of the occurrence and personally attended the scene.

Members of the Special Branch were in attendance and assisted in investigations appertaining to the causes leading to the incidents.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

N.J.White

D.S.I.

D.D.C."B" Division.

Copy of the report has been forwarded to Officer i/c. S.B.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

SHANGHAI No. Misc. 264
S.B. REGISTRY

Pootoo Road Station,

REPORT

Date April 15. 1937.

Subject Labour situation in the Pootoo Road Police District.

Made by D.S.I. White Forwarded by

Sir,

All day shift operatives of the Sing Yue No. 1 & 2 Cotton Mills, located at No. 37 West Soochow Road and No. 8 Robison Road respectively, reported for work between 5 a.m. & 6 a.m. 15-4-37.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

A.J. White

D.D.O. "E" D.S.I.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

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FORM NO. 5
G. 40M. 1.36

File No. Misc. 26/37

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Pootoo Road Station,

REPORT

Date April 14. 19 37.

Subject Labour situation in the Pootoo Road Police District.

Made by D.S.I. White Forwarded by

Sir.

Between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m. 14-4-37, about 80 operatives of the Sing Yue No. 2 Cotton Mill, No. 8 Robison Road, reported for work for the purpose of overhauling machinery preparatory to the re-opening of the mill for the night shift workers, whom it is anticipated will commence work the 14-4-37.

The situation at the Sing Yue No. 1 Mill, No. 37 West Soochow Road, remains unchanged.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

A f White

D.D.C. "B" D.S.I.

Officer in charge Special Branch.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Pootoo Road Station,

REPORT

Date 13.4.37. 19

Subject Labour situation in the Pootoo Road Police District.

Made by D.S.I. White. Forwarded by

Sir,

Information has been received to the effect that the "Cutting Dept." of the Foh Sing Tobacco Manufacturing Co., No. 527 Macao Road, resumed work on the 12th inst. The "Leaf Dept." resumed work on the 13th inst., while the "Packing Dept." will resume work on the 16th inst.

The situation regarding the Sing Yue No. 1 and 2 Cotton Mills remain unchanged.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A.J.White

D.S.I.

D.D.O. "B" Division.

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File No. Misc. 26/37

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Pootoo Road Station,

REPORT

Date April 10, 19 37.

Subject Labour situation in the Pootoo Road Police District.

Made by D.S.I. White Forwarded by [illegible]

Sir,

The night and day shift operatives of the Sing Yue No. 1 & 2 mills failed to report for work on the 9th & 10th insts., respectively. A notification has been posted at both mills to the effect that the Social Bureau instructed operatives to re-commence work on the (37, and, that only a few operatives, insufficient to operate the mill, obeyed the instructions. The management inform the operatives in this notification that the mill will re-open on the 14-4-37, when it is expected that all operatives will resume work.. Those operatives who fail to report for work will be summarily dismissed in accordance with Art. 31, Sec. 1 of the Mill Regulations.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

D.D.O. "B"

Officer i/c Special Branch.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Pootoo Road Station,

Date April 9, 19 37.

Subject Labour situation in the Pootoo Road Police District.

Made by D.S.I. White Forwarded by [illegible]

Sir,

Operatives of the night shift at Sing Yue No. 2 Mill failed to report for work on the 8-4-37.

On the morning of the 9-4-37, both mills, Sing Yue No. 1 & 2, were opened for operations butthe operatives failed to report for work.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

N. J. White

D.S.I.

D.D.O. "B"

Officer i/c Special Branch.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Pootoo Road Station,

REPORT

Date April 8. 19 37.

Subject Labour Situation in the Pootoo Road Police District.

Made by D.S.I. White. Forwarded by [illegible]

Sir,

At 6:05 p.m. 7.4.37. a telephone message was received from Sing Yue No.1 Cotton Mill, No.37 West Soochow Road, to the effect that the day shift operatives of the aforementioned mill were causing a disturbance on the mill premises.

On receipt of the aforementioned message a party of Police, with S.I. Collison i/c, immediately attended the scene and escorted the day shift workers from the premises.

In view of the attitude of the day shift workers the management refused to permit the night shift workers to commence work and they were accordingly escorted from the compound of the mill. Approximately 750 operatives are affected by the lock-out, which continues this morning.

In regard to No.2 Mill, No.8 Robison Road, approximately 480 operatives out of a total of 560 on night shift reported for work, no dissension being apparent amongst the workers. In the morning of the 8.4.37. a number of day shift operatives visited the mill, but the majority refused to enter the premises for work, stating that as the No.1 Mill was not functioning they would also refuse to work. Only 150 operatives reported for work.

The Poh Sing Tobacco Manufacturing Co., 521 Macao Road ceased operations on the morning of the 8.4.37., as a protest against the increase in the tobacco tax.

Supt. Sinclair, D.O. "E" Division, Officer i/c District and Chinese detectives attached to the Special Branch visited both mills. It is learned from the management that a representative of the Social Affairs Bureau will visit the Sing Yue No.2 Cotton Mill, No.8 Robison Road, on the morning of the 8.4.37. with a view to conducting an investigation into the alleged differences

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Station,

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Date.. 8 . 4. 37. 19

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between the management and operatives.

Det. Chief Insp. Ross, Special Branch, informed of the aforementioned occurrence.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A J White

D.S.I.

D.D.O. "B" Div.

Copy of this report has been forwarded to

Officer i/c Special Branch.

S.M.P. G. 45M-1-36

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No. Misc. 26/37

REPORT

Pootoo Road Station,

Date April 7, 1937.

Subject. Labour situation in the Pootoo Road Police District.

Made by D.S.I. White Forwarded by... [illegible]

Sir,

Normal conditions prevail in both the Sing Yue No. 1 & 2 Cotton Mills, located at No. 37 West Soochow Road and No. 8 Robison Road respectively. Appended are statistics of total operatives employed in the respective mills and the number of operatives that have reported for work between 6 a.m. 6-4-37 and 6 a.m. 7-4-37:-

Day shift 6a.m. 6/4/37	Reported for work	Total Operativ
No. 1 Mill:-	360	380
No. 2 Mill:-	400	550
Day shift 6 a.m. 7/4/37.		
No. 1 Mill:-	380	380
No. 2 Mill:-	520	550
Night shift 6p.m. 6/4/37.		
No. 1 Mill:-	400	400
No. 2 Mill:-	470	560

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It is learned from the management that a meeting of the operatives and the management is scheduled to take place in the afternoon of the 7-4-37, when efforts will be made to settle outstanding differences. Should the meeting prove unsuccessful in rectifying outstanding differences, it is anticipated that the night shift will not report for work.

D.D.C. "B" Officer i/c Special Branch.

I am, Sir, Yours obediently, A.J. White D.S.I.

S.M. G. 45M-1-36

File No. 26/37.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Pootoo Road Station,

Date April 6, 1937.

Subject Labour situation in the Pootoo Road Police District.

Made by D.S.I. White Forwarded by

Sir,

With reference to Intelligence Report dated 5-4-37, wherein it is stated that the Foh Sing Tobacco Manufacturing Co., No. 521 Macao Road had suspended operations as a protest against the increased tobacco tax, enquiries at the factory disclosed that operations had not been suspended, but that the management will suspend operations as from the 8th inst. and will resume operations on the 20th inst.

The management of the Sing Yue Cotton Mills have received a petition from operatives at 5.30 p.m. 5-4-37, containing the undermentioned demands:-

1. Recognition of the workers union by the management.
2. Dismissed operatives to be re-instated.
3. That full wages be paid to all operatives for the period of strike.
4. That the management refund the sum of $500.00 expenses incurred by representatives of the operatives during the period of the strike.

The petition further states that should the management fail to accede to the aforementioned demands the operatives will refuse to work on the 7-4-37.

Both mills re-opened for operations on the morning of the 6-4-37, when the majority of the operatives reported for work.

No untoward incident occurred.

I am, Sir,

Your obediently,

D.S.I.

D.B.O. "P"
Officer i/c. Special Branch.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Pootoo Rd. Station,

REPORT

Date 5.4.37. 19

Subject Labour situation in the Pootoo Road Police Districts

Made by D.S.I. White. Forwarded by

Sir,

A notification has been posted at the main entrances of the Sing Yue No. 1 and 2 Cotton Mills, No. 37 West Moochow Road and No. 8 Robison Road respectively, giving intimation to the workers that both mills will re-open operations at 6 a.m. 6.4.37.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R.J.White
D.S.I.

D.D.C. "B" Division.

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Misc. No. 26/37.
File No.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Pootoo Rd. Station,

REPORT

Date 1.4.37. 19

Subject Labour situation in the Pootoo Road Police District.

Made by D.S.I. White. Forwarded by

Sir.

The Sing Yue No. 1 Cotton Mill, No. 37, West Soochow Road, opened for operations at 5 p.m. 1.4.37, but the mill operatives failed to report for work. In regards to the Sing Yue No. 2 Cotton Mill, No. 8 Robison Road, the situation remains unchanged. Two silk weaving factories located at Nos. 4618, 4623, Seymour Road remain closed due to the strike of employees.

The labour situation in other industrial undertakings remain normal.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. J. White

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Pootoo Rd. Station,

REPORT

Date 31.3.37. 19

Subject Labour situation at the Sing Yue No. 1 and 2 Mills located at 37, West Soochow Road and No. 8 Robison Road respectfully.

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Sir,

Between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. 31.3.37, the management Sing Yue No. 1 & 2 mills paid outstanding wages to the majority of workers. No untoward incident occurred. A notification is posted at the main entrance of No. 1 Mill, No. 37 West Soochow Road, requesting workers to report for work at 6 p.m. 1.4.37.

A notice posted at No. 2 Mill, No. 8 Robison Road is to the effect that the management anticipate operating the mill within the next few days. In regards to the firearm in possession of Mr. Hwang Lung Hwa, Personal Manager, Sing Yue Cotton Mills, particulars are appended.

Mauser automatic pistol, 7.65 calibre, maker's No. 465196, S.M.P. Licence No. 4584.

On the instructions of Mr. Yorke, D.C. "B" Division, an application for the issuance of a summons for keeping a firearm and ammunition without a licence against Mr. Zung Jang Heih, (曾祥熙), in respect to the pistol seized by workers from Mill Foreman Fu Eur Sung on the 25.3.37, had been forwarded to the S.S.D. Court.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A.J. White

D. D. O. "B" Div. D.S.I.

Officer i/c. Spl. Branch.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Pootoo Road Station, 7

REPORT

Date. 30th March 19 37.

Subject. Labour Situation at the Sing Yue No.1 & 2 Cotton Mills, located at No.37 West Soochow Road and No.8 Robison Road respectively.

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Sir,

The Sing Yue No. 1 & 2 Cotton Mills, located at No.37 West Soochow Road & No.8 Robison Road, respectively, remain closed and peaceful conditions prevail.

It is learned from the management of the aforementioned mills that notifications will be posted at the main entrance of each mill this date to the effect that outstanding wages will be paid to all workers on the 31-3-37.

During the payment of wages the management will ascertain the demeanour of the workers regarding their attitude in regards to resuming work. Should the response be favourable the management will open both mills within the next few days.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. J. White

D.D.O. "B" Div. D. S.I.

Officer i/c. Special Branch.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Pootoo Road Station,

REPORT

Date March 29. 19 37.

Subject Labour Situation at the Sing Yue Nos. 1 & 2 Cotton Mills, located at No. 37 West Soochow Road and No. 8 Robison Road respectively.

Made by D.S.I. White Forwarded by

Sir,

The Sing Yue No. 1 & 2 Cotton Mills, located at No. 37 West Soochow Road and No. 8 Robison Road, are both closed and peaceful conditions prevail.

Appended is the number of workers affected through the closure of the mills:-

	Males	Females	Total
No. 1 Mill	150	600	750
No. 2 Mill	200	950	1150

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I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

R.J. White

D.S.I.

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Officer i/c Special Branch.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE. Misc. File No. 26/37.

REPORT

Pootoo Road Station,

Date 29.3.37. 19

Subject Labour Situation at the Sing Yue No.1 and 2 Mills, No. 37 West Soochow Road and No.8 Robison Road respectively.

Made by D.S.I. White. Forwarded by S/S Collier for Dupl J/c

Sir,

Between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. on 28.3.37., a meeting of the representatives of the workers of the Sing Yue No.1 and 2 Mills, was held under the auspices of the 10th District Spinners' Labour Union at the Union's offices, No.1428 Brenan Road, when approximately 200 representatives of the workers of the above mentioned mills were in attendance. The meeting was then commenced under one named Kyoong Pei Yuin (龔培元), who is the director of the 10th District Spinners' Labour Union and also an official of the Kuomintang, officiated as chairman. Mr.Kyoong announced to his audience that the Kuomintang wished the workers to resume work immediately prior to completion of negotiations with the mill management. He then solicited suggestions from representatives of the workers. After certain discussions the following resolutions were passed:-

1. That a petition be forwarded to the Kuomintang and the City Government to request them to immediately negotiate with the mill management and that the workers resume to work as soon as possible.

2. That the negotiations be based upon the settlement previously promulgated by the Kuomintang, to wit:- 12 employees be discharged in accordance to the labour regulations, but that these 12 employees not be discharged until the installation of the new machines.

3. That Mr. Waung Long Hua, i/c of the Personnel Dept. of the Sing Yue Mills be dismissed, otherwise the workers will never resume their work.

4. That the 86 dismissed employees be immediately reinstated, otherwise the workers will never resume their work.

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5.That should the Kuomintang and City Government fail to obtain any result from their negotiations, the workers will directly proceed to the China & South Sea Bank to present their demands and request the China & South Sea Bank to negotiate with the Zung Foo Trust Co.(中孚信託).

6. That a discharged employee be given 18 months' wages as compensation.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R.J.White

S.S.I.

D.D.C."B" Division.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Pootoo Road Station,

REPORT

Date 28.3.37. 19

Subject Labour Situation at the Sing Yue Nos. 1 & 2 Cotton Mills, located at No.37 West Soochow Road and No.8 Robison Road respectively.

Made by D.S.I.White. Forwarded by S/S Collins.

Sir,

The Sing Yue No. 1 & 2 Cotton Mills, located at No.37 West Soochow Road and No.8 Robison Road, are both closed and peaceful conditions prevail.

Appended is the number of workers affected through the closure of the mills:-

	Males	Females	Total
No.1 Mill:-	150	600	750
No.2 Mill:-	200	950	1150

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D.S.I.

D.D.C."B" Division.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Pootoo Road Station,

REPORT

Date March 27, 1937.

Subject. Labour situation at the Sing Yue No. 1 & 2 Mills, No. 8 Robison Road and No. 37 West Soochow Road respectively.

Made by D.S.I. White Forwarded by

Sir,

The 140 workers who commenced work in the Sing Yue No. 1 Mill, No. 37 West Soochow Road, at 6 a.m. 26-3-37, subsequently struck work at about 10 a.m. and were escorted from the premises by a party of police at 10.30 a.m.

Both mills are now closed.

Information is to hand that negotiations between the workers and the management are taking place at the Social Bureau, the initial meeting having been held on the 26-3-37. No settlement has yet been arrived at.

I am, Sir,

Yours obediently,

D.S.I.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT.

REPORT ON STRIKE

Peetee Road Station. March 25.37. 192

Time and date reported 8 p.m. 25.3.37. Time and date I.O. informed

By whom reported Management, Sing Yue No.1 Cotton Mill, 37 W.Soochow Rd.

Trade or profession of strikers Cotton Mill Operatives.

Number of strikers 391 Male 43 Female 348 Apprentices ---

Employer's name, address and business Sing Yue No.1 Cotton Mill, 37 west Soochow Road.

Union to which strikers belong ---

Cause of strike and demands made by strikers Alleged fear of intimidation by workers of the No.2 Mill.

When did discontent amongst strikers first commence ---

What action (if any) did employers take to remedy cause of discontent prior to commencement of strike Nil.

What action (if any) have the employers taken to meet the demands of the strikers ---

Names and addresses of strike leaders Unknown

Has the strike or its cause any political inspiration No

Meeting places of strikers Not known.

Number of persons arrested for offences arising out of strike Nil.

Particulars of literature (if any) circulated relative to strike ---

Name and address of printer of such circulars ---

Precautions taken by Police Police posted at mill.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Pootoo Rd. Station,

REPORT

Date 25.3.37. 19

Subject Labour situation at the Sing Yue No. 2 Cotton Mill, No. 8 Robison Road.

Made by D.3.I. White. Forwarded by [illegible]

Sir,

The undermentioned persons received injuries in the melee that occurred at the Sing Yue No. 2 Cotton Mill, No. 8 Robison Road, at about 6 a.m. 25.3.37.

1. Thakar Singh, private watchman.

Small contusions on the left side of forehead and a small abrasion of the tongue.

His injuries are not serious.

Dr. G. Chambers.

General Hospital.

2. Sandar Singh, private watchman.

Severe contusions of the left arm and hand.

Several contusions and linear abrasions of the back and left thigh. His injuries are serious.

Dr. G. Chambers.

General Hospital.

3. Foo Eur Sung (傅翰聲).

Scratch wound of cheek, laceration of scalp, scratch wound on corner of right eye and laceration of both feet.

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4. Zee Yuan Ping (徐元瑛).

Suspected fracture of a rib bone. Detained pending X ray examination.

5. Ho Dah (何達).

Laceration of left eye-lid, scatch wound of lower right leg.

6. Yue Ying Tsung (俞蔭棕).

Contusion of chest and fingiss.

In regards to the theft of an automatic pistol mentioned in previous report, it is now learned that the pistol is of French

manufacture, 32 calibre, unlicenced by the S.M.Police and the property of the Sing Yue Cotton Mill Company, Ltd.

Further particulars of the firearm are not ascertainable.

It has also been ascertained that Mr. Huang Lung Hwa (黃龍華), Personnel Manager, is in possession of a 7.65 "Mauser" type of pistol, which is said to be licenced by the S.M. Police. Since the melee at the Sing Yue No.2 Cotton Mill on the morning of 25.3.37., Mr. Huang has absented himself from the mill and efforts to make contact with him have proved futile. When he has been contacted he will be requested to temporarily hand over his pistol for submission to the Arms Identification Section for examination. Further examination of the Manager's Office wherein the cartridge case was found, revealed a bullet hole in the ceiling, the bullet passing through the floor of the room above and thence into a door. The bullet could not be found.

Enquiries were pursued in an effort to ascertain if any person(s) had sustained bullet wounds during the melee, in view of the finding of the cartridge case, and a message was circulated to all stations via C.C.R. requesting enquiries at all hospitals with a view to ascertaining of any person(s) had been admitted suffering from bullet wounds, but up to the time of submitting this report investigations haven proved abortive.

It has since been learned that the stolen firearm has been deposited by certain employees of the Sing Yue Cotton Mill with the Kuomintang Headquarters, who have since transferred same to the Shanghai-Woosung Garrison Headquarters. Efforts are being made by members of the Special Branch to effect recovery of the firearm.

Approximately 300 workers of the night shift visited the

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Sing Yue No.2 Cotton Mill, No.8 Robison Road, between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. 25.3.37., but were refused admittance, and were eventually dispersed by the Reserve Unit and a party of Police from the Pootoo Road Station.

Regarding Sing Yue No.1 Cotton Mill, No.37 west Soochow Road, 348 female and 43 male workers of the night shift reported work. Normal working conditions prevailed until 8 p.m. 25.3.37., when all workers ceased work on the pretext that they feared intimidation from workers of the No.2 Mill. They refused to continue and all were escorted from the mill premises by a police party at 10 p.m. Enquiries at the Sing Yue No.1 Mill, 37 West Soochow Road, the morning of the 26th inst. elicited the information that out of a total of 470 workers only 140 had reported for work, the remainder having absented themselves.

The detectives of Pootoo Road Station have been in constant communication with members of the Special Branch, several of whom have been in regular attendance at the mills, and all information concerning trend of events has been freely exchanged.

Both mills are at present guarded by police.

Enquiries proceeding.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R.J. White

D.S.I.

D.D.O. "F" Division.

Copy of this report has been forwarded to Officer i/c Special Branch.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE. Misc. File No. 26/37.

REPORT

Pootoo Road Station,

Date 25.3.37. 19

Subject Labour Unrest at the Sing Yue (新怡) No.2 Cotton Mill, No.8 Robison Road.

Made by D.S.I.White. Forwarded by...

Sir,

In the forenoon of the 24.3.37., intimation of the possibility of labour unrest in the Sing Yue No.2 Cotton Mill, No.8 Robison Road, was received at Pootoo Road Police Station from the Management. Enquiries elicited the information that the day shift workers had been granted leave of absence for the day, and that the night shift workers would report for work at about 5 p.m. even date, when it was anticipated by the Management that agitation would ensue as a result of a notification posted at the main entrance to the mill to the effect that 55 persons whose names are included in the notification are dismissed from the 24.3.37.

At about 6:30 p.m. the night shift workers (67 males and 508 females) struck work as a protest to the dismissals and were subsequently escorted from the mill by Police, all operatives having left the mill by 10:30 p.m.

The Management informed the undersigned that a lock-out would be declared on the morning of the 25.3.37. and continue until such time that a satisfactory settlement had been arrived at between the mill operatives and the Management.

A small squad of Police were posted at the mill at 6 a.m. on the 25.3.37. as a precautionary measure.

This a.m. approximately 80 male and 520 female workers reported for work but were refused admittance to the mill.

The mill operatives adopted a hostile attitude and eventually forced the main gate and gained entry to the compound of mill, where the male element attacked the offices and living quarters, breaking windows and over turning furnishings. No serious damage to property occurred during the disturbance, but

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three male foremen and two Sikh watchmen sustained injuries which necessitate their removal to hospital for medical treatment. Particulars concerning the injured persons together with the nature of injury sustained will be submitted in a subsequent report.

A mill foreman named Fu Eur Sung (傅佴聲) reported that a male operative seized from his room a .32 automatic pistol containing 6 rounds of ammunition. He is unable to impart any information regarding the person who seized the pistol, as the room was crowded with male operatives, who were attacking the occupants, nor is he able to impart particulars of the stolen firearm. Further enquiries will be pursued regarding the matter and will be submitted in a subsequent report. One cartridge case of .32 calibre was discovered in the Manager's office on the ground floor and this will be submitted to the Arms Identification Section for examination.

Total number of employees:- 200 males and about 1,100 females.

Enquiries proceeding.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT.

REPORT ON STRIKE

Pootoo Road Station. March 25, 1937.

Time and date reported 7 p.m. 24.3.37. Time and date I.O. informed

By whom reported Management, Sing Yue No.2 Cotton Mill, No.8 Robison Road.

Trade or profession of strikers Cotton mill operatives.

Number of strikers 575 Male 67 Female 508 Apprentices ----

Employer's name, address and business Sing Yue Cotton Mill, No.2, No.8 Robison Road.

Union to which strikers belong ----

Cause of strike and demands made by strikers Operative struck work as a protest against the dismissal of 55 employees.

When did discontent amongst strikers first commence 6:30 p.m. 24.3.37.

What action (if any) did employers take to remedy cause of discontent prior to commencement of strike Nil.

What action (if any) have the employers taken to meet the demands of the strikers Nil.

Names and addresses of strike leaders Unknown

Has the strike or its cause any political inspiration No.

Meeting places of strikers Unknown.

Number of persons arrested for offences arising out of strike Nil.

Particulars of literature (if any) circulated relative to strike Nil.

Name and address of printer of such circulars Nil.

Precautions taken by Police Police posted at the mill.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Pootoo Road Station,

REPORT

Date March 13, 1937.

Subject Strike at Sing Yue No.2 Cotton Mill, No.8 Robison Road.

Made by D.S. 326 Crossley. Forwarded by...

Sir,

At 7:30 A.M. on 13.3.37., 800 male and female workers of the weaving, spinning, carding and winding departments of the Sing Yue (新裕) No.2 Cotton Mill, No.8 Robison Road, declared a strike. The reason for their action being on account of the fact that the Management have commenced to make preparations for the installation of automatic looms in the weaving department to replace the older type machines at present in use. The new looms being of the latest type are made for continuous working and automatically reject empty shuttles and replace full shuttles without the loom being stopped. A breakage in the cotton which is liable to spoil the cloth also causes the loom to stop of its own accord. A weaver with ability to tend four of the older type looms is able to attend eight of the new looms with ease, and owing to the fool proof automatic working of the machines, less supervision of the weavers is required.

The Management consider that when the installation of the new machines has been completed they will be in a position to dispense with the services of at least 40 foremen and women and also several of the weavers. This information in some manner was conveyed to the employees, who to show their objection, struck work.

The Mill Manager, Mr. Hwang Lung Hwa (黃龍華), sought assistance of the Koumingtang Headquarters, Maotao, to negotiate with the workers and Mr. Lieu Ying Tsoo (陸蔭初) of the Peoples Section of the Koumingtang attended and after conferring with the workers' representatives it was agreed that all employees should resume operations and that on 16.3.37., selected representatives of the foremen will attend the Koumingtang Head-

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quarters to further discuss their grievances. The strike terminated at 12:20 p.m.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D.S. 326.

Sen. Det. i/c.

D.D.O. "B" Division.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT.

REPORT ON STRIKE

Pootoo Road Station March 13, 1937.

Time and date reported 7:35 a.m. 13.3.37. Time and date S.B. informed 8:45 a.m. 13.3.37.

By whom reported Mill Management.

Trade or profession of strikers Cotton Operatives.

Number of strikers 800 Male 150 Female 650 Apprentices ----

Employer's name, address and business Sing Yue Cotton Mill, No.8 Robison Road.

Union to which strikers belong Nil.

Cause of strike and demands made by strikers Management are making preparations to install new automatic looms which will cause about 40 foremen to be thrown out of work.

When did discontent amongst strikers first commence 13.3.37.

What action (if any) did employers take to remedy cause of discontent prior to commencement of strike No notification of dissatisfaction received by management.

What action (if any) have the employers taken to meet the demands of the strikers Called in representative of Koumingtang Headquarters, whose intervention resulted in workers calling off strike. Representatives of foremen will attend Koumingtant Headquarters on the 16.3.37. to further discuss their alleged grievances.

Names and addresses of strike leaders -----

Has the strike or its cause any political inspiration -----

Meeting places of strikers ----

Number of persons arrested for offences arising out of strike ----

Particulars of literature (if any) circulated relative to strike ----

Name and address of printer of such circulars -----

Precautions taken by Police Police posted in vicinity of mill.

SENIOR DET. I/C.	INSPECTOR I/C.	D. C. I.	I. C.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CRIME DIARY.

"B" Division.
Pootoo Road Police Station.
30.6.37. 19

Crime Register No. 354/37.

Diary Number 1.	(Sheet No. 1.)	Nature of Offence:— 33.	
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	7.10 pm - 11.45 pm 30.6.37.	Places visited in course of investigation each day.	4701 Robison Road. Det. Office.

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

Place or description of premises.	1259 Robison Road.
Time and date of offence.	about 6.55 p.m. on the 30.6.37.
" " " reported.	7.10 p.m. on the 30.6.37.
Name, occupation and address of complainant.	Wong Yuh Shing (王得勝), foreman, above address Wong Siau Er (王小二), coolie, above address.
Number of criminals with full individual description.	2 in custody:- (1) Tsang Ling Kao (張林高), 29, Kompo, m/worker, 4701, Robison Road. (2) Wong Shing Dau (王興道), 26, Kompo, s/Unemployed, 5 Tonquin Lee, Tonquin Rd. and 7 others (not arrested).
Arrests.	Two by C.D.C. 266.
Classification of property stolen.	--- Value $
Classification of property recovered.	--- Value $
In cases of Murder or Suspected Murder points (a) to (d) should be answered. (a) Time and date body was discovered. (b) Position, appearance and marks on body. (c) Apparent cause of death. (d) Motive if known.	
Full Details of Method used in Committing offence. In cases of larceny, housebreaking etc., all the points (e) to (i) should be answered, if known. In all cases in which there is fraud, the false pretence and the character assumed by the suspect should be fully described. (e) Mode of entry, including manner of approach to premises. (f) Means used (tools etc.) (g) Character assumed by criminal, and story told, etc. (h) Mode of transport and description. (i) Peculiar act (poisoning dog, partaking of food etc.)	Intimidation by threats or violence.

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(j) What staff employed on premises?
(k) Are they all "old" servants?
(l) If not, what was their last employment and for how long?
(m) What was their "characters"?
(n) If any suspicion attached to any of them and if so, which one and for what reason?
(o) Are old servants suspected?
(p) Are friends and visitors above suspicion if not, who is suspected?

Remarks

(Any outstanding or peculiar feature to be commented on by investigating officer).

At 7.10 p.m. on 30.6.37, complainants Wong Tuh Shing, mill foreman and Wong Siau Er Ts, mill coolie, employed at the Sing Yue No. 2 Cotton Mill, No. 8 Robison Road, and both residing House No. 1259 Robison Road, reported to the station to the effect that nine men had visited their home and attempted to intimidate them by threats of violence. From enquiries conducted by the undersigned assisted by C.D.C. 266, the following facts leading up to the crime were ascertained:- During recent weeks, certain ffactions amongst the workers of the Sing Yue No.2 Mill, who are members of a union, have been discontented on account of the low rates of wages received. At 6 p.m. on 23.6.37, four male employees of the ring spinning room failed toreport for night work and as the result complainants commissioned by a work supervisor left the mill and obtained 4 new workers to fill the vacancies.

At the commencement of night work on 24.6.37 it was found that two more men were absent and again complainants on instructions obtained replacements, but when they returned to the mill at about 6.45 p.m. they were approached by 8 of the union members, namely Wong Shing Dam (王兴潭), Sung Siau Er Ts (陈小二), Chen Yah Ying (邱亚英), Sung Sau Hua (郑少华), Dah Sai Ts (大三子), Sien Kyen Ts (小钱子), Er Vung Ts (二文子), and Woo Shing Kan (吴精轩), who first abused them for assisting the management to secure new labour and afterwards struck them about their bodies with bobbins.

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Following the assault complainants reported the matter to the mill office staff, who sent both to the Shanghai Labourer's Hospital, where a few scratches and bruises from which both suffered were dressed and following treatment they came to the station to report the matter for police reference, but did not wish to prefer any charge. (Vide F.I.R. "PR" 345/37).

Following the incident on 24.6.37, both more from fear than from injuries received obtained sick leave from the mill, but at about 2.30 p.m. on 30.6.37, complt. Wong Tuh Shing returned to the mill to collect wages due to him and whilst there he was seen by some of the men who assaulted him on 24.6.37, and their actions were such that he was afraid that they would again assault him, so he appealed to the mill office for protection with the result that a private detective named Sung Dah Chang (宋大清), was instructed to escort him from the mill to his home.

At about 6.55 p.m. even date, complainants were visited in their home by one Tsang Kyung Dau (曾林生), one of the labour leaders, who was accompanied by Wong Shing Dau and three others, whilst still fewr more men were seen to be loitering outside. Tsang Ling Dau addressing complt. stated that a settlement must be made of the incident of 24.6.37, and the only effective way this could be done was for complts. who are [illegible]

the union, and if they refused to do so, they would be again visited on 1.7.37, and axes used to assault them.

Complainants intimidated by threats made stating that they were willing to join the union, inquiried as to amount required for initiation and were informed that Wong Tuh Shing, being a foreman, would be requiried to pay $10.00. and Wong Siau Er Ts as a coolie, $5.00. Wong Tuh Shing had only $3.00 whilst Wong Siau Er Ts had no money whatsoever, so Wong Tuh Shing left his home and pawned a jacket for $2.00 and on his return offered $5.00 for his membership fee's, this, however, was refused and after warning them that if the membership money was not forthcoming on 1.7.37 both complts. would be violently assaulted all the men went away. Following the departure of their intimidators, complts realising that they could not produce the $15.00, in the given time, and in fear of bodily harm came to the police for protection.

Complainant Wong Tuh Shing stated that the leader of the men who had threatened them Tsang Ling Fan was the proprietor of a small foodshop on Robison Road, where he also resides, accordingly accompanied by complt, C.D.S. 269, C.D.C. 206 and the undersigned proceeded to the foodshop in question, No. 47A1 Robison Road, where Tsang Ling Fan and Wong Shing Kau, who will hereafter be known as 1st and 2nd accused, were found partaking food in the

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shop premises and placed under arrest. Interrogated individually at the station, both accused denied having visited and intimidated complainants on this inst, though Wong shing Dau admitted that he had participated in assaulting complainants on 24.6.37, together with aforenamed persons.

Both accused are charged with attempted intimidation and will appear before the S.S.D. Court on the a.m. of 2.7.37, when a remand will be requested pending efforts being made to effect the arrest of other men concerned in the crime.

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Asst. Det. I/c.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT OF POLICE INVESTIGATIONS.

The following is the statement of Wong Tuh Shing (王得勝): native of Anhwei taken by me Clerk Chin Hung Kong. at 10 p.m. on the 30.6.37. and translated interpreted by Clerk Chin Hung Kong.

Wong Tuh Shing, age 27 yrs, native of Anhwei, foreman, and Wong Siau Er ts, age 25 yrs., Anhwei, both employed by the Sing Tue No. 2 Cotton Mill, and residing at No. 1259 Yee Poh Li, off Robison Road, stated as follows:-

Both of us are night shift workers on 23.6.37, when No.1. Koo Chi Yung (顧啓文), stated that 4 persons failed to report for work and ordered me - Wong Tuh Shing - to find four others to fill the vacant positions which I did. Next night, 24.6.37, there were two more vacant postions, in addition to the above four persons, for which I also obtained new workers on the management's orders. At this time, Tsang Ling Kau, Wong Shing Dau, Zung Siau Er ts, Cheu Ah Ying, Zung Sau Hwa, Zah Sai ts, Siau Koo ts, Er Wang ts, and Koo Tsing Kan came to us and demanded why we assist management to obtain new labour. I, Wong Tuh Shing, explained to them that I am employed by the mill, therefore I must to do as instructed. To speak the truth, Wong Siau Er ts was not concerned in this business, but at the time of the trouble, Wong Siau Er ts stood in front of me, this made them to suspect him to be my companion, with the result they attacked both of us. Later, we both came to the station and reported the occurrence, but didn't want to charge them so the case was settled. Owing to the injuries we received, we did not report for work from that date. Until at 2.30 p.m. on 30.6.37, I - Wong Tuh Shing - went to the mill, in order to obtain wages due, and was warned by some workers to be careful. However, this was noticed by me, then in turn communicated with the Mill's office where they send one private detective named Zung

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Dah Chang to protect me to home. At about 8.35 p.m. even date the above nine persons visited our home to force us to the members of their union on payment of $10.00 by Wong Yun Shing and $5.00 by Wong Siao Er Is, otherwise they threatened to assault us with axes on 1.7.37. I Wong Yun Shing, informed them that I only received $10.1. as my wage from which I paid $7.00 for food the remaining $3.10 being for house rent. Owing to their attitude I did not pay the house rent and pawned some jackets to the value of $2.00. Then I said to them that can we pay $5.00 to the union for membership fees? They replied that we must pay $15.00, and left the premises. So both of us came to the station to report the occurrence.

Signed Wong Yun Shing.

Wong Siao Er Is.

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Workers Have Day

SEVEN mill workers, two of them girls, had their day in the First Special District Court today when Judge Wang dismissed a charge of extortion brought against them by the Sing Yue Cotton Mill management of 38 Soochow Road and reprimanded the complainant. Several days ago the management dismissed the seven because they had allegedly caused the night shift at the mill to declare a strike and that furthermore they were troublemakers because they did not like the overseer under whom they worked.

When the accused appeared to get wages owed them they also demanded the return of their guarantor papers which vouched for their good character and dependability. The management said that they had been "mislaid or destroyed and anyway you will have no further use for them". The seven refused to show their wage books or accept their pay unless each was given $10 compensation for the papers. The management refused compensation and when the accused would not leave called in the police.

Advocate Lea in summing up the case could find little grounds on which the complainant could charge extortion. The discharged workers were merely requesting the return of their own property or compensation. It was up to them to decide if the papers were "useless." Mill workers find some cheer in this [illegible] case, the first in their favor for quite some time.

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Extract of Proceedings in S. S. D. Court for 21/4/37 **19** **F. I. R. No.** 26/37 **Stn. No.** Summons

Reg. No. 7/97395 **Stn.** Pootoo **Procurator** SK 2561 **Judge** Foo

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IN DISTRICT COURT No 8 (A.M.)

Mr. Lea appeared for the S.M.C.
Mr. Tsu Woo Kiu appeared for the accused.

Proceedings

Mr. Lea :- The accused is charged under Art. 186 of the S.S.D.C. for keeping a firearm and amunition without a licence. The facts of this case was outlined in the previous hearing.

Judge to the accused :-

Q. Is this pistol yours ?

A. This pistol was taken over from the former management of the mill, which has now been transferred to me.

Q. Why did you keep it without a licence ?

A. We have two pistols for which licences have been applied. As one of them is found to have been out of order, this pistol is considered to take its place. We held responsible for this pistol.

Q. Is this pistol bearing number 17361 ?

A. I don't know.

Q. Was this pistol given to a foreman for protective purpose?

I don't know.

Q. Was this pistol used during the disturbance on 24 and 25 5/3/7 ?

A. I don't know.

Mr. Tsu :- This pistol was taken over from the former Mill, named Poo Yih. In all there were 2 pistols taken from the former mill. One of them is found out of order. Later this pistol was found and was considered to take palce of the broken one. This pistol was arm to be arme by the watchman.

Judge to the accused :-

Q. According to the document addressed to this Court, it is of the S.W.Garrison Com. Headquaters mentioned that this pistol was kept without permision,

and it was used to suppress the workmen during the disturbance. Then it was taken off by the workmen from the hand of the foreman. Moreover it is a question whether this pistol was kept with the intent to put same to criminal use or not.

Mr. Tsu :- As a matter of fact, this pistol was considered to take place of the broken one for which licence has been applied and it would be given to the watchman for protective purpose. During the disturbance, the workmen damaged the furniture by means of violence and they found it then in the drawer of the staff's desk. Here is the application of the licence. (pro).

SUMMING UP

Mr. Lea :- It is undisputed that this pistol was kept by the accused without a licence. At 6 a.m. on the 25/3/37, a Police party was despatched there upon receiving information to the effect that there were 80 male and 520 female workers holding a strike there and that the furniture was damaged by them At ~~the~~ that time the situation is very serious. In that night more workers gathered there. According to the management of the cotton mill, the pistol was kept for protective purpose. So the Police charged the accused with the crime of possessing firearm without licence. According to enquiries, it is revealed that the accused had no intent to put this pistol in criminal use.

Mr. Tsu :- In all there were 3 pistols taken from the former mill, 2 of them have been sent to Police for applying licences. This pistol was considered to take place of a broken one because one of the two pistols for ~~which~~ licences have been applied is found out of order. This pistol was taken off from a drawer by the workmen during the disturbance.

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There is no other purpose for the accused to keep this pistol than protective means. In view of this, I ask that the accused be pronounced not guilty and that the pistol be returned to the accused.

Decision
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Fined $300.00 or 100 days labour for possession of military firearm without authority obtained,
1 pistol and 6 rounds of ammunition confiscated.

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Zung Jang Hsih (曾祥熙), summonsed to appear before the S.C.D. Court a.m. 14.4.37 in connection with a matter of keeping a firearm and ammunition without a licence first obtained from the S.M.Council, and, who on the scheduled date of hearing failed to attend, being represented by his lawyer; as a result of his non- appearance proceedings were adjourned until a.m. 21.4.37, when defendant personally appeared and was fined the sum of $300.00 (three hundred dollars) and the firearm No. 17861 and six rounds of ammunition, with magazine, were confiscated by order of the presiding judge.

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Extract of Proceedings in S. S. D. Court for 14/4/37 **19** **F. I. R. No.** 26/37 **Stn. No.** Summons.

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Accused Zung Jang Hsih ( ) Age 40. Manager.

Charge Keeping a firearm and ammunition without a license. Contr. to Art. 2 of the Regluations for the restriction of guns, cannons or ammunition used for Military purposes.

For that he prior to and on the 25/3/37 at the Sing Yue Li, No 2 Mill, 8 Robison Road, did keep a .32 calibre automatic pistol and 6 rounds of ammunitions without authority first obtained from the S.M.C.or S.M.P.

IN DISTRICT COURT NO. 8 (a.m).

Proceedings Mr. T. S. Lea appeared for the S.M.C.

Mr. Lea :- The accused is charged under Article 186 of the C.C.C. In this case, the accused is the manager in the Sing Yue No.2 Mill, No. 8 Robison Road. A strike occured at the said mill on the 25/3/37 and the Police were detailed to protect the mill from being damaged. The workers, however, did not feel satisfactory with this. They damaged the mill and assaulted a foreman named Foo Hai Sung, who was armed with a pisto, which was borrowed from the Management of the Mill. The workers took the pistol off the hand of Foo Hai Sung, and gave same to the Shanghai Kuo-ming-tang Headquarters, who in turn gave it to the Shanghai & Woosung Garrsion Commander Headquarters. A Sheal was found on the scene by the Police. On being questioned, the manager of the said mill said that he did not obtain a license for the pistol. As the accused is the manager of the said mill, he is charged with the Offence. The summons for the accused was received and signed by his lawyer. The accused does not appear in court today.

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Judge to Tsu Woo Kiu (Counsel for the defence):-

Q. Why does the accused not appear in court today ?.

A. He is now in Nanking. According to Article 36 of the C.C.P.,

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Reg. No. Stn. Procurator Judge

he may not ~~in~~ appear in person.

Q. He has to attend the court. If he should fail to appear again, he would be arrested on a warrant.

A. I ask that the case be remanded.

Q. I will remand this case to 21/4/37. You have to tell the accused to attend the court on that date.

A. Yes, I will.

Decision..... Remand to 21/4/37 a.m. for trial.

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CRIME DIARY.

CRIME REGISTER No:— Misc. 26/37.

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Pootoo-Road Police Station.
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Diary Number:-	Nature of Offence:—
Time at which investigation begun and concluded each day	Places visited in course of investigation each day

RECORD OF INVESTIGATION.

On the afternoon of 7.4.37., Summons No.5441 for service on Mr. Zung Jang Hsih (), Manager, Sing Yue Cotton Mills, for keeping a firearm without a licence first obtained from the S.M.C., was received from the S.S.D.Court. The hearing is scheduled for a.m. 14.4.37.

The aforesaid summons was served on Mr. Ts Foh Kyui ( ), legal representative of the Sing Yue Cotton Mills, at Pootoo Road Police Station, 10:30 a.m. 9.4.37.

Appended is brief resume of the case.

Between 5 a.m. and 6a.m. 25.3.37., approximately 80 male and 520 female operatives reported for work at No.2 Sing Yue Cotton Mill, No.8 Robison Road, but due to the night shift workers creating a disturbance on the premises on the night of the 24th/25th March 1937, the Management declared a lock-out on the day shift workers, fearing that they would also cause trouble in the mill. As a result of the "lock-out" the day shift operatives became incensed and adopted a hostile attitude, forced the gates at the main entrance, overpowered the watchmen and police, and on gaining the compound of the mill, they then entered the offices and residental quarters of the mill, where they smashed windows and wrecked furnishings in the divers rooms. A number of the operatives also

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searched furnishings and boxes found in the rooms. Five Chinese foremen and two Sikh watchmen were injured by the operatives.

A mill foreman named Fu Ah Sung (傅阿生), having been assaulted and fearing further bodily harm, obtained an automatic pistol, loaned to him by the management, from his box, and flourished same with a view to frightening the operatives and preventing them causing further hostile acts. The operatives seized Fu Ah Sung, further assaulted him and seized the firearm. The aforementioned incidents occurred in an upstairs room of the residental quarters. A subsequent search by the police disclosed a cartridge case on the desk of the manager's office, located on the ground floor, and a bullet hole in the ceiling. No persons received bullet wounds. It is believed that the firearm was accidently discharged by one of the operatives. On enquiries by the Police the management readily admitted that the pistol seized by the operatives was not licenced by the S.M.C.

The pistol seized by the operatives was handed over to Kuomintang Headquarters, who in turn handed same over to the Shanghai-Woosung Garrison Headquarters. The S.M.Police subsequent obtained the firearms from the latter named authorities.

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Arms Identification Section.

Report No. 3510 — COPY — *Date* 29-3-37.

Occurrence	Shooting at the Sing Yue No.2 Cotton Mill, 8 Robison Road, 6-30 a.m. 25-3-37. (Pootoo Road Misc:26/37).	**Crime Registry Number**
Subject.	1 Cartridge Case .32 Auto. (From scene) 2 Bullets .32 Auto. "Unique" (Spanish) .32 Auto Pistol No.17361. 1 Magazine with 6 Rounds .32 Auto.	**Serial Numbers** C1263 T2903
Date obtained by Police	25/27-3-37.	**Date received for Examination** 25/27-3-37.
Initial Examination Remarks	This pistol is in good working order and has been very recently fired.	
Previous Records	None.	
Further Remarks	The above cartridge case and the bullets were fired from the above "Unique" pistol. Tests filed.	

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Checked by — **Signed** F.A. Ennis. D.S.I.

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